

LABOUR FORCE

AUSTRALIA
PRELIMINARY

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DECEMBER KEY FIGURES

TREND

	Nov 2001	Dec 2001	monthly change
Employed persons ('000)	9 184.4	9 186.2	0.0 %
Unemployed persons ('000)	668.3	666.2	-0.3 %
Unemployment rate (%)	6.8	6.8	0.0 pts
Participation rate (%)	63.6	63.5	-0.1 pts

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Nov 2001	Dec 2001	monthly change
Employed persons ('000)	9 186.6	9 178.2	-8.5
Unemployed persons ('000)	660.8	659.6	-1.2
Unemployment rate (%)	6.7	6.7	0.0 pts
Participation rate (%)	63.5	63.4	-0.1 pts

DECEMBER KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

EMPLOYMENT

- increased slightly to 9,186,200.

UNEMPLOYMENT

- decreased slightly to 666,200.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

- remained steady at 6.8%.

PARTICIPATION RATE

- decreased to 63.5%.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

EMPLOYMENT

- decreased by 8,500 to 9,178,200. Full-time employment fell by 16,500 to 6,623,300 while part-time employment rose by 8,100 to 2,554,900.

UNEMPLOYMENT

- decreased by 1,200 to 659,600. The number of persons looking for full-time work fell by 9,400 to 494,800 and the number of persons looking for part-time work increased by 8,200 to 164,800.

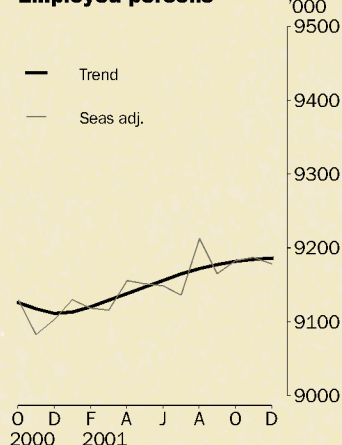
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

- remained steady at 6.7%. The male rate fell by 0.2 percentage points to 6.7% while the female rate rose by 0.3 percentage points to 6.7%.
- NSW 6.1% (6.4% last month), Vic 6.5% (6.3%), Qld 8.0% (7.9%), SA 7.1% (6.8%), WA 6.1% (6.2%), Tas 8.4% (8.8%).

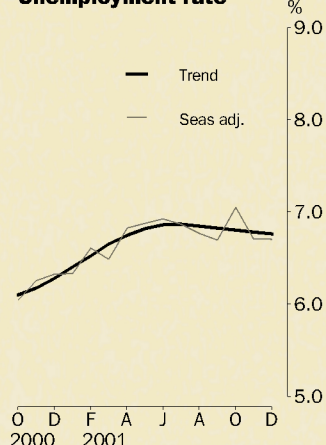
PARTICIPATION RATE

- decreased by 0.1 percentage point to 63.4%.

Employed persons



Unemployment rate



INQUIRIES

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ROUNDING

Estimates of monthly change shown on page 1 have been calculated using unrounded estimates, and may be different from, but are more accurate than, movements obtained from the rounded estimates. The graphs on page 1 also depict movements calculated from unrounded estimates.



SAMPLING ERRORS

The estimates in this publication are based on a sample survey. Because the entire population is not enumerated, the published estimates and the movements derived from them are subject to sampling variability. Standard errors give a measure of this variability and appear on pages 31 and 32.

The 95% confidence intervals below provide another way of looking at the variability inherent in estimates from sample surveys. The interval bounded by the two limits is the 95% confidence interval. A 95% confidence interval indicates that we are 95% confident that the upper and lower limits enclose the true value of the estimate.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA SERIES	MOVEMENTS NOVEMBER 2001 TO DECEMBER 2001		
	Monthly change	95% Confidence interval	
Total employment	-8 500	-45 100 to	28 100
Total unemployment	-1 200	-15 400 to	13 000
Unemployment rate	0.0 pts	-0.2 pts to	0.2 pts
Participation rate	-0.1 pts	-0.3 pts to	0.1 pts

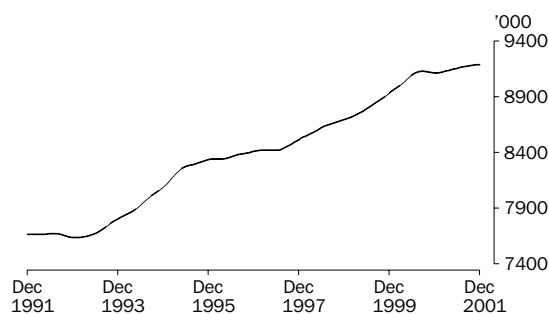


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PRINCIPAL LABOUR FORCE SERIES: Trend estimates

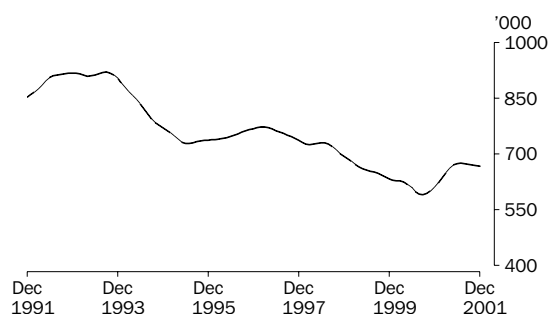
EMPLOYED PERSONS

The trend estimate of employed persons rose strongly from a low of 7,634,000 in January 1993 until mid 1995. The trend then continued to rise at a slower rate until June 1997, before showing stronger growth to reach 9,130,500 in September 2000. Since then the trend has increased slowly to stand at 9,186,200 in December 2001.



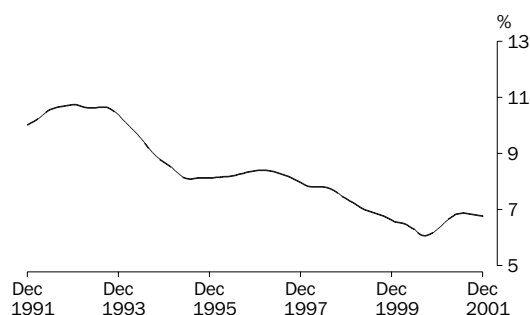
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

The trend estimate of unemployed persons peaked at 920,500 in September 1993, before falling rapidly to 728,300 in July 1995. The trend then rose slowly, reaching 771,600 in March 1997 before falling to 589,600 in September 2000. Since then it has risen to 675,600 in July 2001, before falling to stand at 666,200 in December 2001.



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

After reaching a high of 10.7% in late 1992, the trend unemployment rate remained steady for twelve months, before falling rapidly to 8.1% in July 1995. The trend then rose slowly until February 1997, before falling to 6.1% in September 2000. The trend estimate has since risen to stand at 6.8% in December 2001.

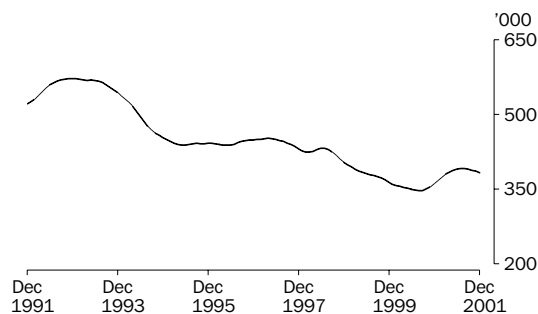


UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: Trend estimates

UNEMPLOYED MALES

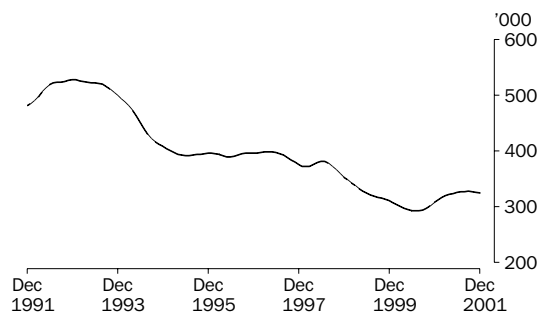
TOTAL

After reaching a peak of 572,300 in December 1992, the trend estimate of male unemployment fell rapidly to 438,500 in May 1995. The trend estimate then remained relatively flat until July 1998, before falling to 346,900 in August 2000. The trend then rose to 391,500 in July 2001, before falling to stand at 382,600 in December 2001.



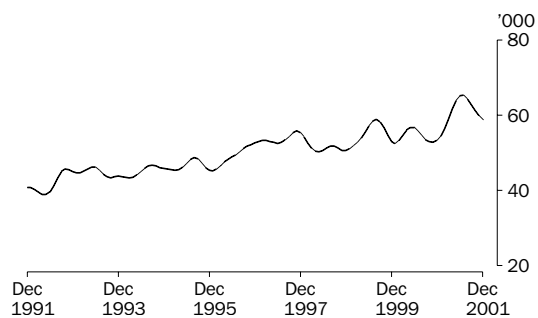
MALES LOOKING FOR FULL TIME WORK

The trend estimate of males looking for full-time work fell rapidly from a high of 527,300 in January 1993 to 391,700 in June 1995. The trend then remained relatively flat until April 1997. Apart from a small increase in 1998, the trend estimate fell to 292,300 in August 2000, and has since risen to stand at 323,900 in December 2001.



MALES LOOKING FOR PART TIME WORK

The trend estimate of unemployed males looking for part-time work has risen 44% over the last 10 years. Recently, the trend has risen strongly from 52,800 in November 2000 to 65,300 in July 2001. The trend estimate has since fallen to 58,700 in December 2001.

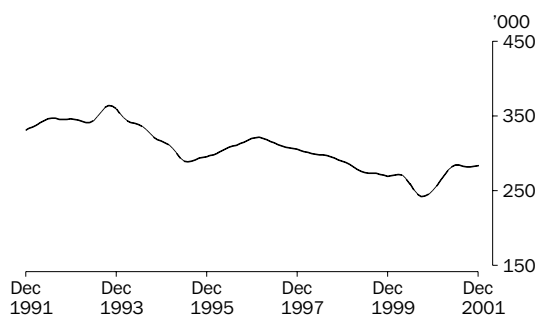


UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: Trend estimates

UNEMPLOYED FEMALES

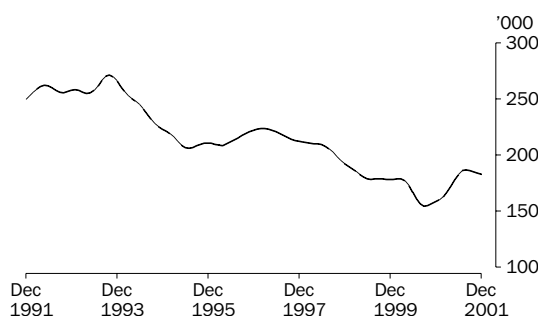
TOTAL

From a high of 364,000 in October 1993, the trend estimate of female unemployment fell rapidly to 288,300 in July 1995. The trend then rose steadily until February 1997, before falling to 242,100 in September 2000. The trend then rose to 284,100 in July 2001 before flattening in recent months, and stood at 283,700 in December 2001.



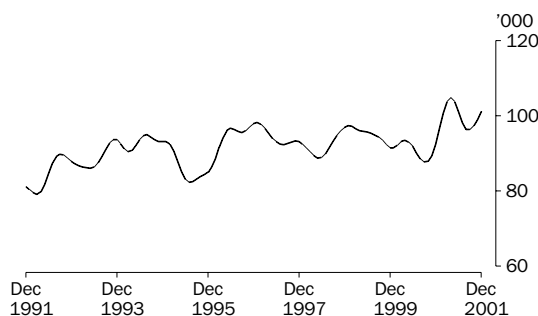
FEMALES LOOKING FOR FULL TIME WORK

The trend estimate of females looking for full-time work fell from a peak of 271,300 in October 1993 to 206,000 in July 1995. The trend then rose to 223,600 in March 1997, before falling to 154,500 in September 2000. The trend estimate then rose to 186,600 in August 2001, before falling to stand at 182,500 in December 2001.



FEMALES LOOKING FOR PART TIME WORK

The trend estimate of unemployed females looking for part-time work, although fluctuating, has generally increased over the last 10 years to a high of 104,900 in April 2001. Recently the trend estimate has risen to stand at 101,200 in December 2001.



LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER): Original

Month	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total					
MALES											
2000											
October	4 449.1	679.8	5 128.9	282.3	48.1	330.4	5 459.3	2 070.4	7 529.8	6.1	72.5
November	4 432.0	660.6	5 092.6	296.1	46.9	343.1	5 435.7	2 102.3	7 538.0	6.3	72.1
December	4 512.4	663.7	5 176.1	304.7	60.4	365.1	5 541.2	2 005.1	7 546.3	6.6	73.4
2001											
January	4 391.9	667.2	5 059.1	337.4	55.2	392.6	5 451.7	2 102.9	7 554.6	7.2	72.2
February	4 416.5	661.7	5 078.1	352.8	62.2	415.0	5 493.2	2 069.7	7 562.9	7.6	72.6
March	4 379.0	690.8	5 069.8	318.5	65.7	384.2	5 454.0	2 117.1	7 571.1	7.0	72.0
April	4 388.8	712.8	5 101.7	322.1	63.3	385.4	5 487.1	2 092.4	7 579.4	7.0	72.4
May	4 374.1	721.7	5 095.8	316.8	64.9	381.8	5 477.6	2 110.2	7 587.8	7.0	72.2
June	4 359.3	744.2	5 103.5	316.9	60.6	377.4	5 481.0	2 115.1	7 596.1	6.9	72.2
July	4 384.2	748.6	5 132.8	307.1	58.8	365.8	5 498.6	2 106.8	7 605.4	6.7	72.3
August	4 337.6	747.8	5 085.4	319.1	54.4	373.6	5 459.0	2 155.7	7 614.7	6.8	71.7
September	4 431.2	725.0	5 156.2	330.4	66.3	396.7	5 552.9	2 071.1	7 624.0	7.1	72.8
October	4 407.0	740.1	5 147.0	320.3	60.5	380.9	5 527.9	2 105.7	7 633.7	6.9	72.4
November	4 403.3	720.6	5 123.9	317.3	54.1	371.4	5 495.3	2 148.1	7 643.3	6.8	71.9
December	4 501.3	715.0	5 216.3	313.2	63.3	376.5	5 592.8	2 060.2	7 653.0	6.7	73.1
FEMALES											
2000											
October	2 276.8	1 744.9	4 021.7	143.0	84.1	227.2	4 248.9	3 499.6	7 748.5	5.3	54.8
November	2 267.3	1 726.8	3 994.1	152.8	81.2	234.0	4 228.1	3 528.1	7 756.2	5.5	54.5
December	2 313.5	1 751.5	4 065.0	167.0	85.0	252.0	4 317.0	3 447.0	7 764.0	5.8	55.6
2001											
January	2 265.8	1 659.4	3 925.2	166.9	88.5	255.4	4 180.6	3 590.9	7 771.5	6.1	53.8
February	2 286.8	1 705.1	3 991.8	189.9	116.6	306.6	4 298.4	3 480.5	7 778.9	7.1	55.3
March	2 284.9	1 736.2	4 021.0	169.6	121.7	291.3	4 312.4	3 474.1	7 786.4	6.8	55.4
April	2 240.1	1 813.8	4 053.9	169.9	113.9	283.8	4 337.7	3 456.5	7 794.1	6.5	55.7
May	2 241.1	1 797.0	4 038.2	184.0	106.0	289.9	4 328.1	3 473.7	7 801.8	6.7	55.5
June	2 230.8	1 830.4	4 061.2	179.1	97.8	276.9	4 338.1	3 471.4	7 809.5	6.4	55.5
July	2 236.0	1 822.2	4 058.2	167.1	84.7	251.8	4 310.0	3 508.4	7 818.4	5.8	55.1
August	2 206.0	1 832.8	4 038.8	175.5	94.9	270.4	4 309.2	3 518.1	7 827.2	6.3	55.1
September	2 286.5	1 812.4	4 098.9	179.3	96.6	275.9	4 374.7	3 461.4	7 836.1	6.3	55.8
October	2 232.2	1 825.4	4 057.6	183.1	96.1	279.2	4 336.8	3 508.5	7 845.2	6.4	55.3
November	2 229.4	1 837.1	4 066.5	170.1	87.9	258.1	4 324.6	3 529.8	7 854.3	6.0	55.1
December	2 263.2	1 834.8	4 098.1	185.5	99.5	285.0	4 383.0	3 480.4	7 863.5	6.5	55.7
PERSONS											
2000											
October	6 725.9	2 424.7	9 150.6	425.3	132.2	557.6	9 708.2	5 570.0	15 278.2	5.7	63.5
November	6 699.3	2 387.4	9 086.7	449.0	128.1	577.1	9 663.8	5 630.4	15 294.3	6.0	63.2
December	6 825.9	2 415.2	9 241.1	471.8	145.4	617.1	9 858.2	5 452.1	15 310.3	6.3	64.4
2001											
January	6 657.7	2 326.6	8 984.3	504.3	143.7	648.0	9 632.3	5 693.8	15 326.1	6.7	62.8
February	6 703.3	2 366.7	9 070.0	542.7	178.8	721.6	9 791.6	5 550.2	15 341.8	7.4	63.8
March	6 663.9	2 427.0	9 090.8	488.1	187.5	675.5	9 766.4	5 591.2	15 357.6	6.9	63.6
April	6 628.9	2 526.6	9 155.5	492.0	177.2	669.2	9 824.8	5 548.8	15 373.6	6.8	63.9
May	6 615.2	2 518.8	9 133.9	500.8	170.9	671.7	9 805.6	5 583.9	15 389.6	6.9	63.7
June	6 590.1	2 574.7	9 164.7	496.0	158.3	654.3	9 819.1	5 586.6	15 405.6	6.7	63.7
July	6 620.2	2 570.8	9 191.0	474.2	143.5	617.6	9 808.6	5 615.2	15 423.8	6.3	63.6
August	6 543.6	2 580.6	9 124.2	494.6	149.3	644.0	9 768.2	5 673.7	15 441.9	6.6	63.3
September	6 717.6	2 537.4	9 255.0	509.7	162.8	672.5	9 927.6	5 532.5	15 460.1	6.8	64.2
October	6 639.2	2 565.4	9 204.6	503.4	156.7	660.1	9 864.7	5 614.2	15 478.9	6.7	63.7
November	6 632.7	2 557.7	9 190.4	487.5	142.0	629.5	9 819.8	5 677.8	15 497.7	6.4	63.4
December	6 764.5	2 549.9	9 314.4	498.7	162.8	661.5	9 975.8	5 540.6	15 516.5	6.6	64.3

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER): Seasonally adjusted

Month	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....					
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MALES									
2000									
October	4 440.6	676.2	5 116.8	298.5	51.2	349.7	5 466.5	6.4	72.6
November	4 436.7	671.6	5 108.2	303.6	51.8	355.5	5 463.7	6.5	72.5
December	4 436.2	670.2	5 106.4	305.6	55.0	360.7	5 467.1	6.6	72.4
2001									
January	4 409.7	686.2	5 095.9	309.6	54.6	364.2	5 460.1	6.7	72.3
February	4 403.9	687.9	5 091.8	323.8	56.3	380.2	5 472.0	6.9	72.4
March	4 395.6	684.5	5 080.1	312.0	57.1	369.1	5 449.2	6.8	72.0
April	4 407.2	696.9	5 104.1	331.1	60.4	391.5	5 495.6	7.1	72.5
May	4 400.5	707.7	5 108.2	321.1	64.8	385.9	5 494.2	7.0	72.4
June	4 376.8	717.9	5 094.7	325.6	68.2	393.7	5 488.4	7.2	72.3
July	4 353.6	755.6	5 109.1	323.7	69.4	393.1	5 502.2	7.1	72.3
August	4 385.2	748.4	5 133.6	324.1	60.2	384.4	5 518.0	7.0	72.5
September	4 410.9	719.2	5 130.1	326.2	59.9	386.2	5 516.3	7.0	72.4
October	4 398.4	735.9	5 134.3	339.6	64.5	404.0	5 538.3	7.3	72.6
November	4 407.8	732.8	5 140.6	325.1	59.6	384.7	5 525.4	7.0	72.3
December	4 425.0	722.2	5 147.2	313.5	57.7	371.1	5 518.4	6.7	72.1
FEMALES									
2000									
October	2 269.6	1 742.7	4 012.3	150.4	87.4	237.8	4 250.1	5.6	54.9
November	2 269.5	1 705.3	3 974.8	161.0	89.5	250.5	4 225.3	5.9	54.5
December	2 246.8	1 749.6	3 996.5	162.9	91.2	254.1	4 250.6	6.0	54.7
2001									
January	2 261.1	1 773.3	4 034.4	156.3	96.4	252.7	4 287.1	5.9	55.2
February	2 286.0	1 740.3	4 026.3	166.7	98.7	265.5	4 291.8	6.2	55.2
March	2 307.5	1 727.9	4 035.4	158.6	104.9	263.5	4 298.9	6.1	55.2
April	2 255.6	1 795.9	4 051.5	167.5	111.8	279.3	4 330.8	6.4	55.6
May	2 272.2	1 771.1	4 043.3	184.6	105.2	289.7	4 333.0	6.7	55.5
June	2 256.5	1 797.4	4 053.8	187.9	98.9	286.8	4 340.6	6.6	55.6
July	2 200.5	1 826.3	4 026.8	185.2	95.7	280.9	4 307.7	6.5	55.1
August	2 241.4	1 838.1	4 079.6	187.6	97.0	284.6	4 364.1	6.5	55.8
September	2 269.6	1 765.0	4 034.5	180.3	91.1	271.4	4 305.9	6.3	54.9
October	2 225.3	1 822.9	4 048.2	192.9	99.9	292.8	4 341.1	6.7	55.3
November	2 232.0	1 814.0	4 046.0	179.1	97.0	276.1	4 322.1	6.4	55.0
December	2 198.3	1 832.7	4 031.0	181.4	107.1	288.5	4 319.4	6.7	54.9
PERSONS									
2000									
October	6 710.2	2 418.9	9 129.1	448.9	138.6	587.5	9 716.7	6.0	63.6
November	6 706.2	2 376.8	9 083.0	464.7	141.3	606.0	9 689.0	6.3	63.4
December	6 683.0	2 419.8	9 102.9	468.6	146.2	614.8	9 717.7	6.3	63.5
2001									
January	6 670.8	2 459.5	9 130.3	466.0	150.9	616.9	9 747.2	6.3	63.6
February	6 689.9	2 428.2	9 118.1	490.6	155.1	645.7	9 763.7	6.6	63.6
March	6 703.1	2 412.4	9 115.5	470.6	162.0	632.6	9 748.1	6.5	63.5
April	6 662.7	2 492.9	9 155.6	498.6	172.2	670.8	9 826.4	6.8	63.9
May	6 672.7	2 478.8	9 151.5	505.7	170.0	675.7	9 827.2	6.9	63.9
June	6 633.2	2 515.3	9 148.5	513.5	167.0	680.5	9 829.0	6.9	63.8
July	6 554.0	2 581.9	9 135.9	508.8	165.2	674.0	9 809.9	6.9	63.6
August	6 626.7	2 586.5	9 213.2	511.7	157.2	668.9	9 882.1	6.8	64.0
September	6 680.5	2 484.1	9 164.6	506.5	151.0	657.5	9 822.2	6.7	63.5
October	6 623.7	2 558.8	9 182.5	532.5	164.4	696.9	9 879.4	7.1	63.8
November	6 639.8	2 546.8	9 186.6	504.2	156.6	660.8	9 847.5	6.7	63.5
December	6 623.3	2 554.9	9 178.2	494.8	164.8	659.6	9 837.8	6.7	63.4

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER): Trend(a)

	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....					
				Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work		Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate
Month	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MALES									
2000									
October	4 443.9	672.7	5 116.7	297.2	52.9	350.1	5 466.8	6.4	72.6
November	4 435.3	675.3	5 110.6	301.8	52.8	354.6	5 465.3	6.5	72.5
December	4 426.2	677.2	5 103.4	307.0	53.2	360.3	5 463.6	6.6	72.4
2001									
January	4 417.9	679.4	5 097.3	312.1	54.4	366.5	5 463.9	6.7	72.3
February	4 410.1	683.5	5 093.6	316.6	56.5	373.1	5 466.7	6.8	72.3
March	4 401.7	690.8	5 092.6	320.3	59.1	379.4	5 472.0	6.9	72.3
April	4 393.5	701.2	5 094.8	322.4	61.8	384.2	5 478.9	7.0	72.3
May	4 386.6	713.1	5 099.7	323.8	63.9	387.7	5 487.4	7.1	72.3
June	4 382.2	724.4	5 106.6	325.0	65.2	390.3	5 496.9	7.1	72.4
July	4 381.7	732.7	5 114.5	326.2	65.3	391.5	5 505.9	7.1	72.4
August	4 385.5	736.6	5 122.2	327.1	64.3	391.3	5 513.5	7.1	72.4
September	4 392.9	736.4	5 129.3	327.3	62.7	390.0	5 519.3	7.1	72.4
October	4 401.8	734.1	5 135.9	326.9	61.2	388.1	5 524.0	7.0	72.4
November	4 410.4	731.2	5 141.6	325.8	59.9	385.7	5 527.3	7.0	72.3
December	4 418.9	727.7	5 146.6	323.9	58.7	382.6	5 529.2	6.9	72.3
FEMALES									
2000									
October	2 268.2	1 740.5	4 008.7	154.9	87.8	242.7	4 251.4	5.7	54.9
November	2 267.6	1 738.8	4 006.4	156.3	89.4	245.7	4 252.1	5.8	54.8
December	2 268.6	1 739.3	4 008.0	158.0	92.5	250.5	4 258.5	5.9	54.8
2001									
January	2 272.7	1 742.8	4 015.5	159.8	96.8	256.6	4 272.1	6.0	55.0
February	2 276.8	1 749.3	4 026.1	162.8	100.8	263.6	4 289.7	6.1	55.1
March	2 276.6	1 759.9	4 036.5	167.1	103.9	271.0	4 307.4	6.3	55.3
April	2 271.2	1 772.5	4 043.6	172.2	104.9	277.2	4 320.8	6.4	55.4
May	2 261.6	1 785.8	4 047.4	177.9	103.8	281.7	4 329.1	6.5	55.5
June	2 251.5	1 797.5	4 049.1	182.9	101.2	284.0	4 333.1	6.6	55.5
July	2 243.5	1 806.3	4 049.8	185.9	98.2	284.1	4 333.9	6.6	55.4
August	2 239.0	1 810.4	4 049.4	186.6	96.4	283.0	4 332.5	6.5	55.3
September	2 235.9	1 811.9	4 047.8	185.9	96.3	282.2	4 330.0	6.5	55.3
October	2 231.5	1 814.1	4 045.5	184.8	97.4	282.2	4 327.7	6.5	55.2
November	2 225.5	1 817.3	4 042.8	183.6	99.1	282.7	4 325.5	6.5	55.1
December	2 220.4	1 819.3	4 039.6	182.5	101.2	283.7	4 323.3	6.6	55.0
PERSONS									
2000									
October	6 712.2	2 413.2	9 125.4	452.1	140.7	592.8	9 718.2	6.1	63.6
November	6 702.9	2 414.1	9 117.0	458.2	142.2	600.4	9 717.4	6.2	63.5
December	6 694.8	2 416.5	9 111.3	465.0	145.8	610.8	9 722.1	6.3	63.5
2001									
January	6 690.6	2 422.2	9 112.8	471.9	151.2	623.1	9 735.9	6.4	63.5
February	6 686.9	2 432.8	9 119.7	479.4	157.3	636.7	9 756.4	6.5	63.6
March	6 678.3	2 450.7	9 129.0	487.3	163.0	650.3	9 779.4	6.7	63.7
April	6 664.7	2 473.7	9 138.4	494.7	166.7	661.4	9 799.7	6.7	63.7
May	6 648.3	2 498.9	9 147.1	501.6	167.8	669.4	9 816.5	6.8	63.8
June	6 633.8	2 521.9	9 155.7	507.9	166.4	674.3	9 830.0	6.9	63.8
July	6 625.3	2 539.1	9 164.3	512.0	163.5	675.6	9 839.9	6.9	63.8
August	6 624.5	2 547.1	9 171.6	513.7	160.7	674.4	9 846.0	6.8	63.8
September	6 628.8	2 548.3	9 177.1	513.2	159.0	672.2	9 849.3	6.8	63.7
October	6 633.3	2 548.2	9 181.4	511.7	158.6	670.3	9 851.7	6.8	63.6
November	6 635.8	2 548.6	9 184.4	509.4	159.0	668.3	9 852.7	6.8	63.6
December	6 639.2	2 547.0	9 186.2	506.4	159.8	666.2	9 852.4	6.8	63.5

(a) Trend estimates for June 2001 to November 2001 have been revised.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: Original

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	<i>Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Total looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Looking for p/t work</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Total looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Looking for p/t work</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
MALES												
2000												
October	31.9	250.4	282.3	48.1	330.4	18.8	5.5	6.0	6.6	6.1	4.6	3.7
November	40.4	255.7	296.1	46.9	343.1	22.4	5.6	6.3	6.6	6.3	5.8	3.7
December	46.0	258.7	304.7	60.4	365.1	22.1	5.6	6.3	8.3	6.6	6.6	3.8
2001												
January	52.9	284.6	337.4	55.2	392.6	26.0	6.3	7.1	7.6	7.2	7.6	4.1
February	55.3	297.6	352.8	62.2	415.0	28.0	6.5	7.4	8.6	7.6	8.0	4.3
March	43.8	274.7	318.5	65.7	384.2	24.2	6.1	6.8	8.7	7.0	6.3	4.0
April	43.3	278.8	322.1	63.3	385.4	23.3	6.2	6.8	8.2	7.0	6.2	4.1
May	41.3	275.5	316.8	64.9	381.8	23.1	6.1	6.8	8.3	7.0	5.9	4.0
June	44.0	272.8	316.9	60.6	377.4	23.1	6.1	6.8	7.5	6.9	6.3	4.0
July	36.3	270.8	307.1	58.8	365.8	19.1	6.0	6.5	7.3	6.7	5.2	3.9
August	39.0	280.1	319.1	54.4	373.6	21.5	6.3	6.9	6.8	6.8	5.6	4.0
September	43.3	287.1	330.4	66.3	396.7	23.5	6.3	6.9	8.4	7.1	6.2	4.1
October	43.1	277.3	320.3	60.5	380.9	23.3	6.1	6.8	7.6	6.9	6.2	4.0
November	42.3	275.0	317.3	54.1	371.4	24.6	6.0	6.7	7.0	6.8	6.1	4.0
December	49.5	263.7	313.2	63.3	376.5	23.4	5.7	6.5	8.1	6.7	7.1	3.8
FEMALES												
2000												
October	19.3	123.7	143.0	84.1	227.2	18.5	5.3	5.9	4.6	5.3	2.9	1.7
November	23.0	129.8	152.8	81.2	234.0	21.0	5.6	6.3	4.5	5.5	3.5	1.8
December	33.4	133.6	167.0	85.0	252.0	24.5	5.7	6.7	4.6	5.8	5.1	1.9
2001												
January	30.3	136.6	166.9	88.5	255.4	22.0	6.0	6.9	5.1	6.1	4.6	1.9
February	36.7	153.3	189.9	116.6	306.6	27.3	6.5	7.7	6.4	7.1	5.5	2.2
March	26.9	142.7	169.6	121.7	291.3	24.1	6.1	6.9	6.6	6.8	4.1	2.0
April	26.2	143.7	169.9	113.9	283.8	23.0	6.3	7.0	5.9	6.5	4.0	2.0
May	27.9	156.1	184.0	106.0	289.9	25.1	6.7	7.6	5.6	6.7	4.2	2.2
June	31.5	147.6	179.1	97.8	276.9	27.4	6.4	7.4	5.1	6.4	4.7	2.1
July	29.1	138.0	167.1	84.7	251.8	25.3	6.0	7.0	4.4	5.8	4.4	1.9
August	25.3	150.1	175.5	94.9	270.4	24.3	6.6	7.4	4.9	6.3	3.8	2.1
September	27.8	151.5	179.3	96.6	275.9	25.2	6.4	7.3	5.1	6.3	4.2	2.1
October	29.1	154.0	183.1	96.1	279.2	25.6	6.7	7.6	5.0	6.4	4.4	2.1
November	28.6	141.5	170.1	87.9	258.1	25.5	6.2	7.1	4.6	6.0	4.3	2.0
December	34.6	150.9	185.5	99.5	285.0	27.3	6.5	7.6	5.1	6.5	5.2	2.1
PERSONS												
2000												
October	51.3	374.1	425.3	132.2	557.6	18.7	5.4	5.9	5.2	5.7	3.8	2.7
November	63.5	385.5	449.0	128.1	577.1	21.9	5.6	6.3	5.1	6.0	4.7	2.8
December	79.4	392.3	471.8	145.4	617.1	23.1	5.6	6.5	5.7	6.3	5.9	2.8
2001												
January	83.2	421.1	504.3	143.7	648.0	24.4	6.2	7.0	5.8	6.7	6.1	3.0
February	91.9	450.8	542.7	178.8	721.6	27.7	6.5	7.5	7.0	7.4	6.8	3.2
March	70.7	417.4	488.1	187.5	675.5	24.2	6.1	6.8	7.2	6.9	5.2	3.0
April	69.5	422.5	492.0	177.2	669.2	23.2	6.2	6.9	6.6	6.8	5.1	3.0
May	69.2	431.6	500.8	170.9	671.7	23.9	6.3	7.0	6.4	6.9	5.1	3.1
June	75.5	420.5	496.0	158.3	654.3	24.7	6.2	7.0	5.8	6.7	5.5	3.0
July	65.4	408.8	474.2	143.5	617.6	21.4	6.0	6.7	5.3	6.3	4.8	2.9
August	64.3	430.3	494.6	149.3	644.0	22.5	6.4	7.0	5.5	6.6	4.7	3.1
September	71.1	438.6	509.7	162.8	672.5	24.1	6.3	7.1	6.0	6.8	5.2	3.1
October	72.1	431.3	503.4	156.7	660.1	24.2	6.3	7.0	5.8	6.7	5.3	3.1
November	70.9	416.5	487.5	142.0	629.5	24.9	6.1	6.8	5.3	6.4	5.2	2.9
December	84.1	414.6	498.7	162.8	661.5	24.9	6.0	6.9	6.0	6.6	6.2	2.9

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: Seasonally adjusted

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	<i>Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Total looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Looking for p/t work</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Total looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Looking for p/t work</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
MALES												
2000												
October	36.4	262.1	298.5	51.2	349.7	20.5	5.7	6.3	7.0	6.4	5.3	3.8
November	43.2	260.4	303.6	51.8	355.5	22.9	5.7	6.4	7.2	6.5	6.2	3.8
December	37.9	267.8	305.6	55.0	360.7	20.4	5.9	6.4	7.6	6.6	5.5	3.9
2001												
January	42.3	267.4	309.6	54.6	364.2	23.4	5.9	6.6	7.4	6.7	6.1	3.9
February	49.8	274.0	323.8	56.3	380.2	27.1	6.0	6.8	7.6	6.9	7.2	4.0
March	42.8	269.2	312.0	57.1	369.1	23.7	5.9	6.6	7.7	6.8	6.2	3.9
April	44.6	286.5	331.1	60.4	391.5	23.7	6.3	7.0	8.0	7.1	6.4	4.2
May	43.1	278.0	321.1	64.8	385.9	23.1	6.1	6.8	8.4	7.0	6.2	4.0
June	46.1	279.4	325.6	68.2	393.7	22.7	6.2	6.9	8.7	7.2	6.6	4.0
July	39.9	283.8	323.7	69.4	393.1	21.2	6.3	6.9	8.4	7.1	5.7	4.1
August	44.4	279.8	324.1	60.2	384.4	22.5	6.2	6.9	7.4	7.0	6.4	4.0
September	47.3	278.9	326.2	59.9	386.2	24.8	6.1	6.9	7.7	7.0	6.8	4.0
October	49.1	290.4	339.6	64.5	404.0	25.2	6.4	7.2	8.1	7.3	7.0	4.2
November	45.2	279.9	325.1	59.6	384.7	25.1	6.1	6.9	7.5	7.0	6.5	4.0
December	40.7	272.8	313.5	57.7	371.1	21.6	6.0	6.6	7.4	6.7	5.8	3.9
FEMALES												
2000												
October	21.9	128.5	150.4	87.4	237.8	19.9	5.6	6.2	4.8	5.6	3.3	1.8
November	24.0	137.0	161.0	89.5	250.5	20.9	5.9	6.6	5.0	5.9	3.6	1.9
December	26.3	136.7	162.9	91.2	254.1	22.3	6.0	6.8	5.0	6.0	4.0	1.9
2001												
January	25.6	130.7	156.3	96.4	252.7	21.8	5.7	6.5	5.2	5.9	3.9	1.8
February	31.7	135.0	166.7	98.7	265.5	25.7	5.8	6.8	5.4	6.2	4.8	1.9
March	26.6	132.0	158.6	104.9	263.5	23.2	5.6	6.4	5.7	6.1	4.0	1.9
April	26.5	141.0	167.5	111.8	279.3	22.6	6.1	6.9	5.9	6.4	4.0	2.0
May	27.3	157.3	184.6	105.2	289.7	23.5	6.7	7.5	5.6	6.7	4.1	2.2
June	35.8	152.1	187.9	98.9	286.8	28.6	6.6	7.7	5.2	6.6	5.4	2.1
July	33.2	152.0	185.2	95.7	280.9	28.6	6.7	7.8	5.0	6.5	5.0	2.1
August	29.0	158.6	187.6	97.0	284.6	25.4	6.9	7.7	5.0	6.5	4.4	2.2
September	31.1	149.1	180.3	91.1	271.4	26.5	6.4	7.4	4.9	6.3	4.7	2.1
October	33.0	159.9	192.9	99.9	292.8	27.3	7.0	8.0	5.2	6.7	5.0	2.2
November	29.7	149.4	179.1	97.0	276.1	25.3	6.5	7.4	5.1	6.4	4.5	2.1
December	27.1	154.2	181.4	107.1	288.5	25.0	6.8	7.6	5.5	6.7	4.1	2.1
PERSONS												
2000												
October	58.3	390.6	448.9	138.6	587.5	20.2	5.7	6.3	5.4	6.0	4.3	2.8
November	67.2	397.5	464.7	141.3	606.0	22.1	5.8	6.5	5.6	6.3	5.0	2.9
December	64.1	404.5	468.6	146.2	614.8	21.1	5.9	6.6	5.7	6.3	4.7	2.9
2001												
January	67.8	398.1	466.0	150.9	616.9	22.8	5.8	6.5	5.8	6.3	5.0	2.8
February	81.5	409.1	490.6	155.1	645.7	26.5	6.0	6.8	6.0	6.6	6.0	2.9
March	69.5	401.2	470.6	162.0	632.6	23.5	5.8	6.6	6.3	6.5	5.1	2.9
April	71.1	427.5	498.6	172.2	670.8	23.3	6.2	7.0	6.5	6.8	5.2	3.1
May	70.4	435.3	505.7	170.0	675.7	23.3	6.3	7.0	6.4	6.9	5.2	3.1
June	82.0	431.5	513.5	167.0	680.5	25.0	6.3	7.2	6.2	6.9	6.0	3.1
July	73.0	435.8	508.8	165.2	674.0	24.0	6.4	7.2	6.0	6.9	5.4	3.1
August	73.4	438.4	511.7	157.2	668.9	23.5	6.4	7.2	5.7	6.8	5.4	3.1
September	78.5	428.0	506.5	151.0	657.5	25.4	6.2	7.0	5.7	6.7	5.8	3.0
October	82.1	450.3	532.5	164.4	696.9	26.0	6.6	7.4	6.0	7.1	6.0	3.2
November	74.9	429.3	504.2	156.6	660.8	25.2	6.3	7.1	5.8	6.7	5.5	3.0
December	67.8	427.0	494.8	164.8	659.6	22.8	6.3	7.0	6.1	6.7	5.0	3.0

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: Trend(a)

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	<i>Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Total looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Looking for p/t work</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Total looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Looking for p/t work</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
MALES												
2000												
October	37.3	259.9	297.2	52.9	350.1	20.4	5.7	6.3	7.3	6.4	5.4	3.8
November	39.4	262.5	301.8	52.8	354.6	21.5	5.8	6.4	7.2	6.5	5.7	3.8
December	41.4	265.6	307.0	53.2	360.3	22.7	5.8	6.5	7.3	6.6	6.0	3.9
2001												
January	43.2	268.9	312.1	54.4	366.5	23.6	5.9	6.6	7.4	6.7	6.2	3.9
February	44.4	272.2	316.6	56.5	373.1	24.2	6.0	6.7	7.6	6.8	6.4	4.0
March	44.8	275.5	320.3	59.1	379.4	24.2	6.1	6.8	7.9	6.9	6.4	4.0
April	44.5	278.0	322.4	61.8	384.2	23.8	6.1	6.8	8.1	7.0	6.4	4.0
May	44.0	279.8	323.8	63.9	387.7	23.2	6.2	6.9	8.2	7.1	6.3	4.1
June	43.9	281.1	325.0	65.2	390.3	22.8	6.2	6.9	8.3	7.1	6.3	4.1
July	44.2	281.9	326.2	65.3	391.5	22.8	6.2	6.9	8.2	7.1	6.4	4.1
August	44.9	282.2	327.1	64.3	391.3	23.2	6.2	6.9	8.0	7.1	6.4	4.1
September	45.4	281.9	327.3	62.7	390.0	23.6	6.2	6.9	7.8	7.1	6.5	4.1
October	45.5	281.4	326.9	61.2	388.1	23.9	6.2	6.9	7.7	7.0	6.5	4.1
November	45.3	280.5	325.8	59.9	385.7	24.0	6.2	6.9	7.6	7.0	6.5	4.0
December	44.7	279.2	323.9	58.7	382.6	24.0	6.1	6.8	7.5	6.9	6.4	4.0
FEMALES												
2000												
October	24.4	130.5	154.9	87.8	242.7	21.2	5.7	6.4	4.8	5.7	3.7	1.8
November	24.6	131.7	156.3	89.4	245.7	21.3	5.7	6.4	4.9	5.8	3.7	1.9
December	25.4	132.6	158.0	92.5	250.5	21.8	5.7	6.5	5.1	5.9	3.8	1.9
2001												
January	26.2	133.6	159.8	96.8	256.6	22.4	5.8	6.6	5.3	6.0	4.0	1.9
February	27.2	135.5	162.8	100.8	263.6	23.1	5.8	6.7	5.5	6.1	4.1	1.9
March	28.2	138.9	167.1	103.9	271.0	23.8	6.0	6.8	5.6	6.3	4.3	1.9
April	29.1	143.1	172.2	104.9	277.2	24.5	6.2	7.0	5.6	6.4	4.4	2.0
May	30.0	147.9	177.9	103.8	281.7	25.4	6.4	7.3	5.5	6.5	4.5	2.1
June	30.9	151.9	182.9	101.2	284.0	26.2	6.6	7.5	5.3	6.6	4.7	2.1
July	31.6	154.2	185.9	98.2	284.1	26.7	6.7	7.7	5.2	6.6	4.8	2.2
August	31.8	154.8	186.6	96.4	283.0	27.0	6.7	7.7	5.1	6.5	4.8	2.2
September	31.4	154.5	185.9	96.3	282.2	26.8	6.7	7.7	5.0	6.5	4.7	2.2
October	30.7	154.1	184.8	97.4	282.2	26.4	6.7	7.6	5.1	6.5	4.6	2.1
November	29.9	153.7	183.6	99.1	282.7	25.9	6.7	7.6	5.2	6.5	4.5	2.1
December	28.8	153.7	182.5	101.2	283.7	25.3	6.7	7.6	5.3	6.6	4.3	2.1
PERSONS												
2000												
October	61.7	390.4	452.1	140.7	592.8	20.7	5.7	6.3	5.5	6.1	4.6	2.8
November	64.0	394.2	458.2	142.2	600.4	21.5	5.7	6.4	5.6	6.2	4.7	2.8
December	66.8	398.3	465.0	145.8	610.8	22.3	5.8	6.5	5.7	6.3	4.9	2.9
2001												
January	69.4	402.5	471.9	151.2	623.1	23.1	5.9	6.6	5.9	6.4	5.1	2.9
February	71.6	407.8	479.4	157.3	636.7	23.8	5.9	6.7	6.1	6.5	5.3	2.9
March	73.0	414.3	487.3	163.0	650.3	24.0	6.0	6.8	6.2	6.7	5.4	3.0
April	73.6	421.1	494.7	166.7	661.4	24.1	6.1	6.9	6.3	6.7	5.4	3.0
May	74.0	427.6	501.6	167.8	669.4	24.0	6.3	7.0	6.3	6.8	5.4	3.0
June	74.9	433.0	507.9	166.4	674.3	24.1	6.3	7.1	6.2	6.9	5.5	3.1
July	75.9	436.2	512.0	163.5	675.6	24.3	6.4	7.2	6.1	6.9	5.6	3.1
August	76.8	437.0	513.7	160.7	674.4	24.6	6.4	7.2	5.9	6.8	5.6	3.1
September	76.8	436.4	513.2	159.0	672.2	24.8	6.4	7.2	5.9	6.8	5.6	3.1
October	76.2	435.4	511.7	158.6	670.3	24.8	6.4	7.2	5.9	6.8	5.6	3.1
November	75.2	434.2	509.4	159.0	668.3	24.8	6.3	7.1	5.9	6.8	5.5	3.1
December	73.6	432.9	506.4	159.8	666.2	24.5	6.3	7.1	5.9	6.8	5.4	3.1

(a) Trend estimates for June 2001 to November 2001 have been revised.

PERSONS AGED 15 TO 19, Education and Labour Force: **Original**—December 2001

EMPLOYED.....

UNEMPLOYED.....

	<i>Full time</i>	<i>Part time</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Looking for p/t work</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population aged 15–19</i>	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i>	<i>Partic- ipation rate</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
ATTENDING NEITHER SCHOOL NOR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME											
Males	144.6	66.2	210.8	40.5	7.4	47.9	258.7	46.4	305.1	18.5	84.8
Females	80.1	96.6	176.6	24.6	10.5	35.1	211.7	50.4	262.2	16.6	80.8
Persons	224.6	162.8	387.4	65.1	17.9	83.0	470.4	96.8	567.3	17.6	82.9
ATTENDING A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME											
Males	8.7	34.1	42.9	* 3.4	6.9	10.4	53.2	28.7	81.9	19.5	65.0
Females	6.5	51.1	57.7	5.1	7.3	12.3	70.0	20.6	90.6	17.6	77.3
Persons	15.3	85.3	100.5	8.5	14.2	22.7	123.2	49.3	172.5	18.4	71.4
ATTENDING SCHOOL											
Males	8.5	94.4	103.0	5.6	22.2	27.8	130.8	179.9	310.7	21.3	42.1
Females	5.3	117.8	123.1	4.9	25.1	30.0	153.2	160.5	313.7	19.6	48.8
Persons	13.8	212.3	226.1	10.5	47.4	57.8	283.9	340.4	624.4	20.4	45.5
TOTAL											
Males	161.8	194.8	356.6	49.5	36.6	86.1	442.7	255.0	697.7	19.4	63.5
Females	91.9	265.5	357.5	34.6	42.9	77.4	434.9	231.6	666.5	17.8	65.3
Persons	253.7	460.3	714.1	84.1	79.5	163.5	877.6	486.5	1 364.1	18.6	64.3

EMPLOYED.....

UNEMPLOYED.....

	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....							
	<i>Full time</i>	<i>Part time</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Looking for p/t work</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population aged 15 and over</i>	<i>Unemp-loyment rate</i>	<i>Partic-ipation rate</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MALES											
New South Wales	1 516.7	223.2	1 739.9	91.6	17.9	109.5	1 849.4	730.9	2 580.3	5.9	71.7
Victoria	1 154.5	172.1	1 326.6	70.5	17.2	87.7	1 414.4	501.8	1 916.2	6.2	73.8
Queensland	828.5	140.8	969.2	74.7	13.4	88.1	1 057.4	367.5	1 424.8	8.3	74.2
South Australia	322.1	59.6	381.7	26.8	5.3	32.0	413.8	181.3	595.1	7.7	69.5
Western Australia	463.6	78.3	542.0	31.3	6.1	37.4	579.4	181.7	761.1	6.5	76.1
Tasmania	96.4	15.4	111.8	10.7	1.2	11.9	123.7	57.5	181.2	9.6	68.3
Northern Territory	44.8	10.2	55.1	3.4	1.6	5.0	60.1	14.1	74.2	8.3	81.0
Australian Capital Territory	74.6	15.4	90.0	4.2	* 0.5	4.8	94.8	25.5	120.2	5.1	78.8
Australia	4 501.3	715.0	5 216.3	313.2	63.3	376.5	5 592.8	2 060.2	7 653.0	6.7	73.1
FEMALES											
New South Wales	775.9	579.0	1 354.9	58.5	32.0	90.6	1 445.4	1 206.5	2 651.9	6.3	54.5
Victoria	568.4	455.0	1 023.4	47.4	26.1	73.5	1 096.9	890.5	1 987.4	6.7	55.2
Queensland	422.8	352.5	775.3	42.7	21.9	64.6	839.8	616.6	1 456.4	7.7	57.7
South Australia	158.8	151.1	309.9	13.0	7.2	20.2	330.1	290.0	620.1	6.1	53.2
Western Australia	213.0	205.5	418.5	16.4	7.4	23.8	442.3	319.3	761.6	5.4	58.1
Tasmania	44.8	45.7	90.4	5.0	1.8	6.8	97.2	94.6	191.8	7.0	50.7
Northern Territory	27.8	15.9	43.8	1.6	1.6	3.2	47.0	21.6	68.6	6.8	68.5
Australian Capital Territory	51.7	30.2	81.8	* 0.9	1.4	2.4	84.2	41.4	125.6	2.8	67.0
Australia	2 263.2	1 834.8	4 098.1	185.5	99.5	285.0	4 383.0	3 480.4	7 863.5	6.5	55.7
PERSONS											
New South Wales	2 292.6	802.1	3 094.7	150.1	50.0	200.1	3 294.8	1 937.4	5 232.2	6.1	63.0
Victoria	1 723.0	627.1	2 350.0	117.9	43.3	161.2	2 511.3	1 392.3	3 903.5	6.4	64.3
Queensland	1 251.2	493.3	1 744.5	117.3	35.4	152.7	1 897.2	984.0	2 881.2	8.0	65.8
South Australia	481.0	210.7	691.7	39.7	12.5	52.2	743.9	471.3	1 215.2	7.0	61.2
Western Australia	676.6	283.9	960.5	47.7	13.5	61.2	1 021.7	500.9	1 522.7	6.0	67.1
Tasmania	141.2	61.1	202.2	15.7	3.0	18.7	220.9	152.1	373.0	8.5	59.2
Northern Territory	72.7	26.2	98.8	5.0	3.1	8.2	107.0	35.7	142.7	7.6	75.0
Australian Capital Territory	126.3	45.5	171.8	5.2	2.0	7.2	179.0	66.9	245.9	4.0	72.8
Australia	6 764.5	2 549.9	9 314.4	498.7	162.8	661.5	9 975.8	5 540.6	15 516.5	6.6	64.3

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS—New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland: **Original**

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
NEW SOUTH WALES												
2000												
October	16.2	106.1	122.3	37.0	159.3	18.3	4.6	5.1	4.6	4.9	3.6	2.2
November	19.6	110.9	130.5	39.0	169.6	21.4	4.8	5.4	5.0	5.3	4.4	2.3
December	26.1	120.7	146.8	37.9	184.7	24.1	5.1	6.0	4.7	5.7	5.8	2.6
2001												
January	28.7	122.1	150.8	38.6	189.4	25.6	5.3	6.2	5.0	6.0	6.4	2.6
February	26.4	137.0	163.4	51.9	215.3	25.4	5.9	6.7	6.6	6.7	5.9	2.9
March	18.2	118.3	136.5	53.0	189.5	20.3	5.1	5.6	6.6	5.9	4.1	2.5
April	18.0	119.2	137.2	49.3	186.5	19.5	5.2	5.7	5.8	5.7	4.0	2.5
May	18.9	120.3	139.2	47.7	186.9	21.2	5.2	5.8	5.6	5.8	4.2	2.5
June	21.7	120.2	142.0	46.8	188.8	22.5	5.2	5.9	5.6	5.8	4.9	2.5
July	20.5	114.2	134.7	39.7	174.4	20.8	4.9	5.6	4.7	5.4	4.6	2.4
August	20.3	128.0	148.3	43.0	191.3	22.2	5.6	6.2	5.0	5.9	4.5	2.7
September	23.4	136.4	159.8	45.1	205.0	25.6	5.8	6.5	5.3	6.2	5.2	2.9
October	21.0	141.1	162.1	41.8	203.9	22.8	6.1	6.7	4.9	6.2	4.7	3.0
November	22.0	135.3	157.3	42.2	199.5	26.1	5.9	6.6	4.9	6.1	4.9	2.8
December	21.9	128.2	150.1	50.0	200.1	22.3	5.5	6.1	5.9	6.1	4.9	2.7
VICTORIA												
2000												
October	9.6	92.3	101.9	34.4	136.3	15.9	5.3	5.7	5.3	5.6	2.9	2.6
November	11.5	90.6	102.1	31.5	133.6	18.4	5.2	5.7	4.9	5.5	3.5	2.6
December	12.9	88.4	101.3	42.4	143.7	17.7	5.0	5.5	6.6	5.8	3.9	2.5
2001												
January	11.4	98.9	110.4	38.6	148.9	16.5	5.7	6.1	6.2	6.1	3.5	2.8
February	17.5	100.3	117.8	48.3	166.1	25.7	5.7	6.5	7.4	6.7	5.3	2.8
March	12.3	93.9	106.2	55.6	161.7	20.3	5.4	5.9	8.2	6.6	3.7	2.7
April	13.1	96.2	109.3	46.6	155.9	21.2	5.5	6.1	6.9	6.3	4.0	2.7
May	12.1	96.2	108.2	49.2	157.4	20.3	5.6	6.1	7.2	6.4	3.7	2.7
June	13.1	93.6	106.8	39.7	146.4	21.3	5.5	6.0	5.6	5.9	4.0	2.6
July	11.2	97.6	108.8	38.7	147.5	19.3	5.7	6.1	5.6	6.0	3.4	2.8
August	12.6	100.6	113.2	38.8	152.0	22.3	5.9	6.4	5.6	6.2	3.8	2.8
September	11.9	100.6	112.4	45.9	158.3	20.7	5.7	6.2	6.7	6.3	3.6	2.8
October	14.2	105.2	119.3	45.4	164.7	23.0	6.0	6.6	6.6	6.6	4.3	3.0
November	15.7	95.2	110.9	36.4	147.3	24.9	5.5	6.2	5.4	6.0	4.7	2.7
December	20.3	97.6	117.9	43.3	161.2	26.1	5.5	6.4	6.5	6.4	6.1	2.7
QUEENSLAND												
2000												
October	11.0	84.0	95.1	32.4	127.4	18.4	6.6	7.1	6.7	7.0	4.2	3.3
November	14.6	88.2	102.7	29.0	131.7	23.3	6.9	7.7	6.0	7.2	5.5	3.4
December	18.8	90.5	109.2	35.9	145.2	25.0	7.0	8.0	7.2	7.8	7.1	3.5
2001												
January	21.5	97.0	118.4	31.2	149.6	29.5	7.7	8.9	6.6	8.3	8.1	3.8
February	25.8	108.1	133.9	39.2	173.1	34.2	8.4	9.9	8.0	9.4	9.8	4.2
March	22.9	102.8	125.7	40.5	166.2	32.2	8.0	9.3	8.1	9.0	8.6	4.0
April	21.6	106.7	128.3	40.1	168.4	30.1	8.4	9.6	7.7	9.0	8.2	4.1
May	20.3	111.9	132.2	34.4	166.6	30.7	8.8	9.8	6.6	8.9	7.6	4.3
June	20.2	102.4	122.6	32.0	154.6	29.8	8.1	9.2	6.1	8.3	7.6	4.0
July	14.8	94.6	109.4	31.0	140.4	22.3	7.5	8.3	5.8	7.6	5.6	3.6
August	14.3	100.3	114.6	31.1	145.7	22.9	8.0	8.7	5.9	7.9	5.4	3.9
September	15.2	100.2	115.4	34.3	149.7	22.9	7.8	8.5	6.6	8.0	5.7	3.8
October	18.1	93.7	111.7	31.5	143.3	26.6	7.3	8.3	6.0	7.7	6.8	3.6
November	14.9	93.4	108.3	31.1	139.4	23.5	7.3	8.1	6.0	7.5	5.6	3.6
December	22.5	94.8	117.3	35.4	152.7	29.5	7.3	8.6	6.7	8.0	8.5	3.6

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS—South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania: **Original**

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
2000												
October	5.5	33.5	39.1	11.4	50.5	26.6	6.7	7.4	5.5	6.9	5.4	3.0
November	6.0	35.8	41.8	10.4	52.2	26.6	7.1	7.9	5.1	7.1	5.9	3.2
December	6.5	34.2	40.7	11.5	52.2	24.2	6.8	7.7	5.6	7.1	6.3	3.1
2001												
January	6.5	36.0	42.4	13.0	55.5	24.1	7.3	8.2	6.4	7.7	6.3	3.3
February	5.5	35.5	41.0	14.2	55.2	22.1	7.2	7.9	6.7	7.5	5.4	3.2
March	5.1	34.7	39.7	11.2	50.9	24.2	7.1	7.8	5.2	7.1	4.9	3.1
April	5.1	35.0	40.1	13.5	53.6	23.9	7.2	7.9	6.1	7.4	4.9	3.2
May	6.9	36.2	43.1	12.8	56.0	30.0	7.4	8.4	6.0	7.7	6.7	3.3
June	5.8	33.8	39.6	11.8	51.3	25.9	7.0	7.8	5.3	7.1	5.6	3.0
July	6.8	35.3	42.0	10.6	52.6	28.0	7.2	8.2	5.0	7.3	6.6	3.2
August	7.0	32.5	39.6	12.8	52.3	30.0	6.7	7.8	5.9	7.2	6.8	2.9
September	6.3	35.1	41.4	11.3	52.7	27.2	7.1	8.0	5.2	7.2	6.1	3.2
October	6.1	32.8	38.9	12.1	51.0	25.3	6.7	7.6	5.5	7.0	5.9	3.0
November	5.2	32.9	38.1	10.8	49.0	24.5	6.6	7.4	5.0	6.7	5.0	3.0
December	7.1	32.7	39.7	12.5	52.2	27.2	6.6	7.6	5.6	7.0	6.8	2.9
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
2000												
October	5.0	37.8	42.7	11.2	54.0	16.4	5.5	6.0	4.1	5.5	3.6	2.8
November	7.7	39.3	47.1	11.7	58.7	21.4	5.8	6.5	4.3	5.9	5.5	2.9
December	10.3	36.7	47.0	11.7	58.7	23.5	5.3	6.3	4.3	5.8	7.4	2.7
2001												
January	9.7	44.3	54.0	13.6	67.7	23.5	6.4	7.4	5.0	6.8	6.9	3.3
February	12.2	46.4	58.6	17.0	75.6	29.7	6.6	7.9	6.2	7.4	8.7	3.4
March	8.4	47.6	56.0	19.5	75.5	24.6	6.9	7.8	6.7	7.5	6.0	3.5
April	7.6	42.9	50.5	19.2	69.7	20.9	6.4	7.1	6.4	6.9	5.4	3.1
May	8.0	45.3	53.3	18.0	71.2	21.5	6.7	7.5	6.2	7.1	5.6	3.3
June	9.9	48.7	58.6	19.4	78.1	24.9	7.2	8.2	6.5	7.7	7.0	3.6
July	7.9	45.2	53.1	13.2	66.3	19.6	6.7	7.4	4.6	6.6	5.6	3.3
August	4.9	45.6	50.6	14.3	64.9	14.0	6.7	7.1	4.9	6.5	3.5	3.3
September	9.1	44.7	53.8	17.2	71.0	23.4	6.6	7.5	5.9	7.0	6.4	3.3
October	8.1	37.9	46.0	17.7	63.7	21.9	5.7	6.5	5.9	6.3	5.7	2.8
November	8.4	38.2	46.6	13.7	60.3	23.4	5.6	6.5	4.7	6.0	5.9	2.8
December	8.0	39.7	47.7	13.5	61.2	19.5	5.8	6.6	4.6	6.0	5.6	2.9
TASMANIA												
2000												
October	3.0	13.0	16.0	3.1	19.1	40.0	9.0	10.5	4.6	8.7	8.6	3.9
November	2.5	12.5	15.0	3.9	18.8	31.7	8.5	9.6	5.9	8.5	7.1	3.7
December	3.1	12.5	15.5	3.4	18.9	30.0	8.5	9.9	4.9	8.4	8.8	3.7
2001												
January	2.8	13.4	16.3	5.1	21.3	28.4	9.4	10.6	7.5	9.6	8.2	4.0
February	3.2	13.0	16.2	3.7	19.9	30.9	8.8	10.2	6.0	9.0	9.2	3.9
March	1.9	12.6	14.4	4.0	18.4	23.4	8.6	9.3	6.2	8.4	5.4	3.7
April	1.9	13.1	15.0	4.0	19.1	23.2	9.0	9.7	6.1	8.6	5.6	3.9
May	1.6	11.5	13.1	3.6	16.7	19.7	8.0	8.7	5.4	7.7	4.6	3.4
June	2.5	12.1	14.6	3.0	17.6	26.2	8.6	9.8	4.6	8.2	7.4	3.6
July	2.8	13.2	15.9	3.1	19.0	28.5	9.4	10.6	4.7	8.8	8.0	3.9
August	3.6	14.8	18.4	3.6	22.0	39.0	10.4	12.1	5.7	10.2	10.6	4.4
September	3.5	13.2	16.6	4.7	21.4	36.1	8.8	10.5	7.6	9.7	10.2	3.9
October	2.5	12.1	14.7	4.0	18.7	30.3	8.5	9.7	6.1	8.6	7.4	3.6
November	2.9	13.1	16.0	2.7	18.7	31.1	9.0	10.3	4.2	8.5	8.5	3.9
December	2.3	13.4	15.7	3.0	18.7	22.6	9.1	10.0	4.7	8.5	6.8	3.9

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS—Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory: **Original**

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	<i>Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Total looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Looking for p/t work</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Total looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Looking for p/t work</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
2000												
October	* 0.3	2.8	3.2	0.9	4.0	* 9.2	3.8	4.1	3.8	4.0	* 2.3	2.3
November	* 0.7	3.8	4.5	* 0.5	5.0	* 19.4	5.2	5.8	* 2.3	5.1	* 4.6	3.0
December	1.2	4.2	5.5	* 0.8	6.3	34.4	5.7	7.0	* 3.5	6.2	8.4	3.3
2001												
January	1.6	4.2	5.8	1.0	6.7	35.6	5.8	7.5	5.1	7.1	10.7	3.3
February	* 0.6	5.0	5.6	0.8	6.4	* 14.6	6.8	7.2	4.1	6.6	* 3.9	3.9
March	* 0.5	3.3	3.8	* 0.8	4.5	* 15.5	4.4	4.9	* 3.7	4.6	* 3.5	2.6
April	* 0.8	3.9	4.7	1.4	6.2	* 22.4	5.1	6.0	6.3	6.0	* 5.7	3.1
May	* 0.6	3.8	4.4	2.7	7.1	* 17.0	5.1	5.6	12.5	7.1	* 3.8	3.0
June	* 0.8	3.5	4.3	3.4	7.6	* 22.2	4.7	5.5	11.6	7.1	* 5.2	2.7
July	* 0.6	3.1	3.7	3.7	7.4	* 15.3	4.2	4.7	13.5	7.0	* 3.9	2.5
August	* 0.6	3.3	4.0	3.8	7.8	* 20.4	4.6	5.2	13.2	7.4	* 4.2	2.6
September	* 0.7	3.8	4.4	2.1	6.5	* 22.2	4.8	5.5	7.8	6.0	* 4.5	2.9
October	1.0	4.1	5.1	2.7	7.8	29.3	5.5	6.5	9.8	7.4	6.8	3.2
November	* 0.9	4.5	5.5	3.1	8.6	* 28.2	6.1	7.0	11.1	8.1	* 6.4	3.5
December	1.0	4.1	5.0	3.1	8.2	25.8	5.5	6.5	10.7	7.6	6.6	3.2
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
2000												
October	* 0.6	4.5	5.0	1.9	7.0	* 19.9	3.5	3.9	4.0	3.9	* 2.4	2.0
November	* 0.9	4.4	5.3	2.1	7.5	* 25.4	3.5	4.1	4.4	4.2	* 3.9	2.0
December	* 0.6	5.1	5.7	1.7	7.4	* 16.6	3.9	4.3	3.8	4.1	* 2.6	2.3
2001												
January	* 1.0	5.3	6.2	2.7	8.9	* 23.9	4.1	4.7	6.4	5.1	* 4.0	2.4
February	* 0.6	5.6	6.3	3.7	10.0	* 18.3	4.4	4.7	8.7	5.7	* 2.7	2.6
March	1.5	4.3	5.8	3.0	8.8	31.8	3.4	4.4	6.6	4.9	6.1	2.0
April	1.3	5.5	6.7	3.0	9.8	28.3	4.4	5.2	6.4	5.5	5.3	2.5
May	* 0.9	6.2	7.2	2.4	9.6	* 24.7	4.9	5.4	5.4	5.4	* 3.9	2.8
June	1.5	6.1	7.6	2.2	9.8	35.0	4.9	5.9	4.5	5.5	6.2	2.8
July	* 0.8	5.6	6.4	3.5	9.9	* 21.3	4.5	5.0	7.3	5.6	* 3.5	2.5
August	* 0.9	5.1	6.0	1.9	7.9	* 20.7	4.2	4.8	4.1	4.6	* 3.9	2.3
September	* 1.0	4.8	5.7	2.3	8.0	* 21.3	3.8	4.4	4.7	4.5	* 4.1	2.2
October	1.2	4.3	5.5	1.5	7.0	30.0	3.4	4.3	3.3	4.0	5.1	1.9
November	* 0.9	3.9	4.8	2.0	6.7	* 22.0	3.1	3.7	4.5	3.9	* 3.7	1.7
December	* 1.0	4.2	5.2	2.0	7.2	* 22.0	3.3	3.9	4.2	4.0	* 4.3	1.9

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)—New South Wales(a)

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

Month	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemp- loyment rate %	Partic- ipation rate %	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemp- loyment rate %	Partic- ipation rate %	Civilian population aged 15 and over '000
MALES											
2000											
October	1 500.4	1 721.0	101.2	5.6	71.6	1 500.6	1 718.1	102.5	5.6	71.5	2 545.5
November	1 493.5	1 710.1	103.8	5.7	71.2	1 493.6	1 712.0	104.8	5.8	71.3	2 547.4
December	1 489.6	1 709.4	109.5	6.0	71.3	1 488.3	1 706.0	107.0	5.9	71.1	2 549.4
2001											
January	1 479.0	1 697.7	110.0	6.1	70.9	1 485.4	1 701.8	108.7	6.0	71.0	2 551.3
February	1 480.0	1 692.5	114.7	6.3	70.8	1 484.3	1 700.5	109.7	6.1	70.9	2 553.2
March	1 491.3	1 701.9	103.4	5.7	70.7	1 484.1	1 702.5	110.2	6.1	70.9	2 555.1
April	1 484.9	1 711.3	108.7	6.0	71.2	1 484.1	1 707.1	110.2	6.1	71.1	2 557.6
May	1 488.3	1 716.6	111.5	6.1	71.4	1 484.3	1 712.7	110.1	6.0	71.2	2 560.1
June	1 483.1	1 713.9	115.1	6.3	71.4	1 484.1	1 717.9	110.6	6.0	71.3	2 562.7
July	1 472.0	1 720.2	113.0	6.2	71.5	1 483.6	1 721.2	111.7	6.1	71.4	2 565.6
August	1 490.2	1 730.3	102.6	5.6	71.4	1 483.5	1 722.4	112.9	6.2	71.5	2 568.4
September	1 489.4	1 721.5	115.5	6.3	71.4	1 484.1	1 722.3	113.9	6.2	71.4	2 571.3
October	1 483.8	1 721.3	120.5	6.5	71.5	1 484.9	1 721.8	114.7	6.2	71.3	2 574.3
November	1 477.1	1 717.2	119.7	6.5	71.3	1 485.6	1 720.9	115.2	6.3	71.3	2 577.3
December	1 492.6	1 719.9	108.6	5.9	70.9	1 486.6	1 720.1	115.3	6.3	71.2	2 580.3
FEMALES											
2000											
October	778.7	1 325.2	67.6	4.9	53.1	788.4	1 330.6	69.9	5.0	53.4	2 623.5
November	787.2	1 318.2	72.7	5.2	53.0	786.2	1 328.0	70.7	5.1	53.3	2 624.9
December	780.7	1 324.0	74.7	5.3	53.3	786.1	1 328.0	71.7	5.1	53.3	2 626.4
2001											
January	785.2	1 337.6	69.5	4.9	53.6	788.5	1 331.5	72.7	5.2	53.4	2 627.7
February	793.5	1 339.6	76.1	5.4	53.8	792.2	1 337.0	73.6	5.2	53.7	2 629.0
March	809.3	1 333.8	71.5	5.1	53.4	795.1	1 342.7	75.0	5.3	53.9	2 630.3
April	787.6	1 358.8	78.6	5.5	54.6	796.3	1 346.9	76.8	5.4	54.1	2 632.3
May	790.7	1 348.1	77.9	5.5	54.1	795.2	1 349.1	79.3	5.5	54.2	2 634.2
June	803.6	1 346.5	85.5	6.0	54.3	791.7	1 349.2	82.3	5.7	54.3	2 636.2
July	778.1	1 338.8	79.0	5.6	53.7	786.3	1 347.5	85.1	5.9	54.3	2 638.7
August	781.2	1 364.9	93.3	6.4	55.2	779.9	1 344.4	87.6	6.1	54.2	2 641.3
September	782.5	1 333.1	86.9	6.1	53.7	773.4	1 340.7	89.4	6.3	54.1	2 643.8
October	755.9	1 330.0	96.0	6.7	53.9	767.0	1 337.3	90.7	6.4	54.0	2 646.5
November	760.5	1 336.2	87.9	6.2	53.8	761.2	1 334.5	91.6	6.4	53.8	2 649.2
December	757.9	1 332.8	90.9	6.4	53.7	756.2	1 332.1	91.8	6.5	53.7	2 651.9
PERSONS											
2000											
October	2 279.1	3 046.2	168.8	5.3	62.2	2 289.0	3 048.8	172.4	5.4	62.3	5 169.0
November	2 280.7	3 028.3	176.5	5.5	62.0	2 279.8	3 040.0	175.6	5.5	62.2	5 172.4
December	2 270.3	3 033.4	184.2	5.7	62.2	2 274.4	3 034.0	178.7	5.6	62.1	5 175.8
2001											
January	2 264.2	3 035.3	179.5	5.6	62.1	2 273.9	3 033.3	181.3	5.6	62.1	5 179.0
February	2 273.5	3 032.1	190.8	5.9	62.2	2 276.5	3 037.5	183.3	5.7	62.2	5 182.2
March	2 300.6	3 035.7	174.9	5.4	61.9	2 279.3	3 045.2	185.2	5.7	62.3	5 185.4
April	2 272.5	3 070.1	187.3	5.7	62.8	2 280.4	3 053.9	187.0	5.8	62.4	5 189.9
May	2 279.0	3 064.7	189.4	5.8	62.6	2 279.4	3 061.8	189.4	5.8	62.6	5 194.4
June	2 286.7	3 060.4	200.6	6.2	62.7	2 275.8	3 067.1	192.9	5.9	62.7	5 198.9
July	2 250.1	3 059.1	191.9	5.9	62.5	2 269.9	3 068.7	196.8	6.0	62.7	5 204.3
August	2 271.4	3 095.2	195.9	6.0	63.2	2 263.4	3 066.7	200.5	6.1	62.7	5 209.7
September	2 271.9	3 054.6	202.4	6.2	62.5	2 257.5	3 063.0	203.3	6.2	62.6	5 215.1
October	2 239.7	3 051.2	216.5	6.6	62.6	2 251.9	3 059.1	205.4	6.3	62.5	5 220.8
November	2 237.6	3 053.3	207.6	6.4	62.4	2 246.8	3 055.4	206.8	6.3	62.4	5 226.5
December	2 250.6	3 052.6	199.5	6.1	62.2	2 242.8	3 052.2	207.2	6.4	62.3	5 232.2

(a) Trend estimates for June 2001 to November 2001 have been revised.

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)—Victoria(a)

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

Month	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemp- loyment rate %	Partic- ipation rate %	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemp- loyment rate %	Partic- ipation rate %	Civilian population aged 15 and over '000
MALES											
2000											
October	1 125.6	1 295.4	83.9	6.1	73.5	1 126.4	1 295.6	82.9	6.0	73.4	1 877.1
November	1 137.6	1 301.3	84.4	6.1	73.7	1 129.9	1 299.7	83.8	6.1	73.6	1 880.1
December	1 134.5	1 300.3	85.9	6.2	73.6	1 130.5	1 301.9	84.5	6.1	73.6	1 883.1
2001											
January	1 129.0	1 305.5	82.4	5.9	73.6	1 128.8	1 302.9	84.7	6.1	73.6	1 886.0
February	1 118.9	1 310.0	84.4	6.1	73.8	1 125.5	1 302.8	84.5	6.1	73.4	1 888.9
March	1 117.0	1 290.7	84.3	6.1	72.7	1 121.2	1 302.0	84.3	6.1	73.3	1 891.8
April	1 123.7	1 302.3	88.7	6.4	73.4	1 117.3	1 301.1	84.1	6.1	73.1	1 894.3
May	1 114.9	1 301.1	81.6	5.9	72.9	1 114.0	1 300.7	84.5	6.1	73.0	1 896.8
June	1 115.4	1 304.9	82.2	5.9	73.0	1 111.6	1 300.8	85.8	6.2	73.0	1 899.3
July	1 102.7	1 298.2	88.5	6.4	72.9	1 110.9	1 301.2	87.8	6.3	73.0	1 901.8
August	1 108.6	1 300.9	89.7	6.5	73.0	1 112.3	1 302.0	89.8	6.4	73.1	1 904.4
September	1 120.3	1 305.1	90.2	6.5	73.2	1 115.8	1 302.7	91.3	6.5	73.1	1 906.9
October	1 114.3	1 300.8	102.4	7.3	73.5	1 120.7	1 303.7	92.0	6.6	73.1	1 910.0
November	1 130.5	1 305.3	87.3	6.3	72.8	1 126.0	1 304.9	92.1	6.6	73.0	1 913.1
December	1 137.5	1 308.8	86.6	6.2	72.8	1 131.0	1 306.0	91.5	6.5	73.0	1 916.2
FEMALES											
2000											
October	569.9	1 007.1	60.2	5.6	54.6	565.4	1 005.5	59.7	5.6	54.5	1 955.3
November	567.5	1 000.0	57.9	5.5	54.0	566.1	1 005.1	59.3	5.6	54.4	1 957.8
December	564.1	1 000.4	57.8	5.5	54.0	567.4	1 006.4	60.1	5.6	54.4	1 960.3
2001											
January	565.6	1 011.8	62.3	5.8	54.7	569.0	1 008.9	61.9	5.8	54.6	1 962.7
February	570.1	1 014.4	65.5	6.1	55.0	569.8	1 011.4	64.6	6.0	54.8	1 965.0
March	571.8	1 019.3	67.6	6.2	55.2	568.8	1 013.0	67.6	6.3	54.9	1 967.4
April	570.9	1 008.2	67.0	6.2	54.6	566.4	1 013.5	69.8	6.4	55.0	1 969.3
May	569.2	1 015.0	76.6	7.0	55.4	563.2	1 013.2	70.5	6.5	55.0	1 971.3
June	554.5	1 011.4	70.7	6.5	54.8	560.8	1 013.2	69.9	6.5	54.9	1 973.3
July	546.5	1 007.7	68.5	6.4	54.5	560.1	1 013.9	68.7	6.3	54.8	1 975.4
August	561.0	1 022.1	66.6	6.1	55.1	561.2	1 015.3	67.8	6.3	54.8	1 977.5
September	573.0	1 015.0	60.8	5.7	54.3	563.2	1 016.5	67.7	6.2	54.8	1 979.7
October	568.3	1 017.5	72.0	6.6	55.0	564.7	1 017.0	68.5	6.3	54.8	1 982.3
November	568.6	1 022.8	69.9	6.4	55.1	565.3	1 016.8	69.7	6.4	54.8	1 984.8
December	554.9	1 008.7	75.0	6.9	54.5	565.8	1 016.5	71.4	6.6	54.8	1 987.4
PERSONS											
2000											
October	1 695.6	2 302.5	144.1	5.9	63.8	1 691.8	2 301.2	142.6	5.8	63.8	3 832.4
November	1 705.1	2 301.2	142.3	5.8	63.7	1 696.0	2 304.8	143.1	5.8	63.8	3 837.9
December	1 698.6	2 300.6	143.7	5.9	63.6	1 697.9	2 308.3	144.5	5.9	63.8	3 843.4
2001											
January	1 694.7	2 317.4	144.7	5.9	64.0	1 697.8	2 311.8	146.6	6.0	63.9	3 848.7
February	1 689.0	2 324.5	149.9	6.1	64.2	1 695.3	2 314.2	149.1	6.1	63.9	3 853.9
March	1 688.8	2 310.0	151.8	6.2	63.8	1 690.1	2 315.0	151.9	6.2	63.9	3 859.2
April	1 694.6	2 310.5	155.7	6.3	63.8	1 683.6	2 314.7	153.9	6.2	63.9	3 863.6
May	1 684.1	2 316.1	158.2	6.4	64.0	1 677.2	2 314.0	155.0	6.3	63.8	3 868.1
June	1 669.9	2 316.3	152.9	6.2	63.8	1 672.4	2 313.9	155.8	6.3	63.8	3 872.6
July	1 649.2	2 305.9	157.0	6.4	63.5	1 671.0	2 315.2	156.5	6.3	63.7	3 877.2
August	1 669.6	2 323.0	156.3	6.3	63.9	1 673.5	2 317.4	157.6	6.4	63.8	3 881.9
September	1 693.3	2 320.2	151.1	6.1	63.6	1 679.0	2 319.2	159.0	6.4	63.8	3 886.6
October	1 682.5	2 318.3	174.3	7.0	64.0	1 685.5	2 320.7	160.5	6.5	63.7	3 892.3
November	1 699.1	2 328.1	157.2	6.3	63.8	1 691.4	2 321.8	161.8	6.5	63.7	3 897.9
December	1 692.5	2 317.4	161.5	6.5	63.5	1 696.8	2 322.6	162.9	6.6	63.7	3 903.5

(a) Trend estimates for June 2001 to November 2001 have been revised.

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)—Queensland(a)

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

Month	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemp- loyment rate %	Partic- ipation rate %	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemp- loyment rate %	Partic- ipation rate %	Civilian population aged 15 and over '000
MALES											
2000											
October	818.9	942.6	73.6	7.2	72.8	822.1	945.4	76.0	7.4	73.2	1 396.2
November	814.5	938.3	78.5	7.7	72.7	818.7	941.8	77.1	7.6	72.9	1 398.1
December	825.0	948.4	77.5	7.6	73.3	816.0	938.9	79.3	7.8	72.7	1 400.1
2001											
January	808.1	931.3	82.4	8.1	72.3	813.8	936.9	82.8	8.1	72.7	1 402.3
February	806.9	929.4	86.3	8.5	72.3	811.9	935.7	86.9	8.5	72.8	1 404.4
March	814.9	941.3	89.3	8.7	73.3	809.8	935.5	90.6	8.8	73.0	1 406.6
April	810.5	935.8	95.0	9.2	73.2	807.5	936.2	93.0	9.0	73.1	1 408.5
May	810.2	942.6	99.0	9.5	73.8	805.8	938.1	93.6	9.1	73.1	1 410.5
June	796.2	933.0	93.5	9.1	72.7	805.1	940.8	92.5	8.9	73.2	1 412.4
July	803.9	942.0	85.2	8.3	72.6	805.9	944.0	90.1	8.7	73.1	1 414.5
August	804.7	953.8	87.4	8.4	73.5	807.8	947.1	87.6	8.5	73.0	1 416.6
September	817.8	949.8	86.9	8.4	73.1	810.5	950.3	85.9	8.3	73.0	1 418.8
October	816.7	954.6	81.7	7.9	72.9	813.2	953.1	85.0	8.2	73.1	1 420.8
November	809.9	951.5	85.5	8.2	72.9	815.3	955.3	84.6	8.1	73.1	1 422.8
December	817.7	959.0	87.5	8.4	73.4	817.3	957.5	84.9	8.1	73.2	1 424.8
FEMALES											
2000											
October	418.4	743.9	59.9	7.5	56.5	415.8	749.0	58.9	7.3	56.7	1 423.6
November	415.9	744.0	60.3	7.5	56.4	415.8	749.0	60.5	7.5	56.8	1 425.9
December	412.8	752.1	65.4	8.0	57.2	415.2	749.6	62.5	7.7	56.9	1 428.3
2001											
January	409.2	755.7	60.5	7.4	57.0	415.2	751.2	64.7	7.9	57.0	1 430.7
February	418.1	752.2	66.9	8.2	57.2	415.4	753.6	66.7	8.1	57.2	1 433.2
March	422.6	755.0	68.0	8.3	57.3	415.2	756.0	68.2	8.3	57.4	1 435.6
April	407.8	756.1	72.9	8.8	57.7	414.4	758.2	68.8	8.3	57.5	1 437.8
May	416.9	761.6	69.9	8.4	57.7	413.1	760.2	68.6	8.3	57.6	1 440.1
June	415.9	760.8	65.5	7.9	57.3	411.8	761.7	67.8	8.2	57.5	1 442.3
July	399.2	766.1	64.7	7.8	57.5	411.0	762.6	66.6	8.0	57.4	1 444.7
August	412.8	765.0	66.3	8.0	57.4	411.2	762.7	65.5	7.9	57.2	1 447.1
September	417.0	759.0	63.0	7.7	56.7	411.9	762.4	64.7	7.8	57.1	1 449.5
October	412.2	760.9	68.3	8.2	57.1	412.6	762.2	64.2	7.8	56.9	1 451.8
November	412.4	760.5	61.6	7.5	56.5	413.0	762.3	63.7	7.7	56.8	1 454.1
December	412.9	766.4	62.6	7.6	56.9	413.6	762.6	63.3	7.7	56.7	1 456.4
PERSONS											
2000											
October	1 237.2	1 686.4	133.5	7.3	64.5	1 237.9	1 694.4	134.8	7.4	64.9	2 819.8
November	1 230.4	1 682.3	138.8	7.6	64.5	1 234.5	1 690.8	137.6	7.5	64.7	2 824.1
December	1 237.8	1 700.5	142.9	7.8	65.2	1 231.3	1 688.5	141.8	7.7	64.7	2 828.4
2001											
January	1 217.3	1 687.0	142.9	7.8	64.6	1 229.0	1 688.1	147.5	8.0	64.8	2 833.0
February	1 225.0	1 681.5	153.2	8.3	64.7	1 227.3	1 689.3	153.6	8.3	64.9	2 837.6
March	1 237.5	1 696.3	157.3	8.5	65.2	1 225.0	1 691.4	158.8	8.6	65.1	2 842.2
April	1 218.2	1 691.9	167.8	9.0	65.3	1 221.9	1 694.4	161.8	8.7	65.2	2 846.4
May	1 227.1	1 704.1	168.9	9.0	65.7	1 218.9	1 698.2	162.3	8.7	65.3	2 850.6
June	1 212.1	1 693.7	159.0	8.6	64.9	1 216.9	1 702.5	160.2	8.6	65.2	2 854.7
July	1 203.1	1 708.2	149.9	8.1	65.0	1 216.9	1 706.6	156.7	8.4	65.2	2 859.3
August	1 217.6	1 718.7	153.7	8.2	65.4	1 218.9	1 709.8	153.1	8.2	65.0	2 863.8
September	1 234.8	1 708.8	149.9	8.1	64.8	1 222.4	1 712.7	150.6	8.1	65.0	2 868.3
October	1 229.0	1 715.6	150.0	8.0	64.9	1 225.7	1 715.4	149.2	8.0	64.9	2 872.6
November	1 222.2	1 712.0	147.1	7.9	64.6	1 228.3	1 717.6	148.3	7.9	64.9	2 876.9
December	1 230.7	1 725.4	150.1	8.0	65.1	1 230.9	1 720.1	148.2	7.9	64.9	2 881.2

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LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)—South Australia(a)

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....					TREND.....					Civilian population aged 15 and over
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES											
2000											
October	328.1	383.2	31.6	7.6	70.2	327.8	381.9	31.6	7.6	70.0	591.0
November	326.8	380.5	31.8	7.7	69.7	326.1	380.2	31.5	7.7	69.6	591.3
December	323.3	374.8	31.8	7.8	68.7	324.0	378.0	31.8	7.8	69.3	591.5
2001											
January	323.1	378.4	32.1	7.8	69.4	321.6	375.8	32.2	7.9	68.9	591.8
February	320.7	375.7	32.4	7.9	68.9	319.3	373.9	32.7	8.1	68.7	592.0
March	312.4	368.5	32.5	8.1	67.7	317.4	372.4	33.4	8.2	68.5	592.3
April	316.2	370.9	35.2	8.7	68.5	316.1	371.5	34.0	8.4	68.4	592.6
May	319.6	373.7	35.0	8.6	68.9	315.4	371.2	34.3	8.5	68.4	592.9
June	313.3	371.3	32.5	8.1	68.1	315.4	371.5	34.3	8.4	68.4	593.1
July	313.7	370.2	36.4	9.0	68.5	315.9	372.3	33.9	8.3	68.4	593.5
August	318.3	374.5	32.4	8.0	68.5	316.5	373.4	33.3	8.2	68.5	593.9
September	316.8	374.7	31.4	7.7	68.3	317.0	374.4	32.7	8.0	68.5	594.3
October	318.0	375.2	32.8	8.0	68.6	317.5	375.3	32.3	7.9	68.5	594.5
November	318.9	376.7	32.0	7.8	68.7	317.9	376.1	31.9	7.8	68.6	594.8
December	316.8	376.6	31.6	7.7	68.6	318.4	376.9	31.7	7.7	68.7	595.1
FEMALES											
2000											
October	156.4	298.0	20.5	6.4	51.7	158.4	298.2	20.9	6.6	51.8	616.3
November	156.5	296.2	21.3	6.7	51.5	157.5	297.7	20.4	6.4	51.6	616.6
December	155.7	296.6	20.0	6.3	51.3	156.6	297.7	19.7	6.2	51.5	616.9
2001											
January	156.8	297.0	19.2	6.1	51.3	155.9	298.4	19.1	6.0	51.5	617.0
February	155.4	302.0	18.7	5.8	52.0	155.6	299.8	18.8	5.9	51.6	617.2
March	156.4	301.1	17.0	5.3	51.5	155.5	301.5	18.8	5.9	51.9	617.4
April	153.3	302.3	19.6	6.1	52.1	155.5	302.8	19.3	6.0	52.1	617.6
May	156.4	304.1	20.3	6.2	52.5	155.3	303.4	20.0	6.2	52.3	617.9
June	156.1	305.4	21.4	6.5	52.9	155.2	303.6	20.6	6.4	52.4	618.2
July	156.2	302.5	21.0	6.5	52.3	155.3	303.4	21.0	6.5	52.4	618.6
August	151.8	303.0	21.3	6.6	52.4	155.5	303.4	20.8	6.4	52.4	619.0
September	158.4	301.5	20.8	6.5	52.0	155.7	303.6	20.4	6.3	52.3	619.4
October	153.6	303.9	19.8	6.1	52.2	155.9	303.9	19.9	6.2	52.3	619.6
November	159.2	307.8	17.7	5.4	52.5	156.2	304.3	19.5	6.0	52.2	619.9
December	155.1	303.4	20.2	6.2	52.2	156.4	304.7	19.1	5.9	52.2	620.1
PERSONS											
2000											
October	484.5	681.3	52.1	7.1	60.7	486.2	680.1	52.5	7.2	60.7	1 207.3
November	483.4	676.8	53.1	7.3	60.4	483.7	677.9	51.9	7.1	60.4	1 207.9
December	479.0	671.4	51.8	7.2	59.9	480.5	675.7	51.5	7.1	60.2	1 208.4
2001											
January	480.0	675.4	51.4	7.1	60.1	477.5	674.2	51.3	7.1	60.0	1 208.8
February	476.1	677.7	51.1	7.0	60.3	474.9	673.7	51.5	7.1	60.0	1 209.2
March	468.7	669.6	49.5	6.9	59.4	472.9	673.9	52.2	7.2	60.0	1 209.7
April	469.4	673.3	54.8	7.5	60.2	471.5	674.3	53.2	7.3	60.1	1 210.2
May	476.0	677.9	55.2	7.5	60.6	470.7	674.7	54.3	7.4	60.2	1 210.8
June	469.5	676.7	53.9	7.4	60.3	470.6	675.1	54.9	7.5	60.3	1 211.3
July	469.9	672.7	57.4	7.9	60.2	471.2	675.8	54.8	7.5	60.3	1 212.1
August	470.1	677.6	53.7	7.3	60.3	472.0	676.8	54.1	7.4	60.3	1 212.9
September	475.3	676.2	52.3	7.2	60.0	472.7	678.0	53.1	7.3	60.2	1 213.6
October	471.6	679.1	52.6	7.2	60.3	473.4	679.2	52.2	7.1	60.2	1 214.2
November	478.1	684.5	49.7	6.8	60.4	474.0	680.4	51.4	7.0	60.2	1 214.7
December	471.9	680.0	51.8	7.1	60.2	474.8	681.6	50.8	6.9	60.3	1 215.2

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LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)—Western Australia(a)

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....					TREND.....					Civilian population aged 15 and over
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES											
2000											
October	451.2	521.6	35.5	6.4	74.6	453.9	524.0	35.5	6.3	74.9	746.7
November	453.3	523.0	35.4	6.3	74.7	454.3	524.4	36.0	6.4	75.0	747.6
December	458.8	526.2	36.0	6.4	75.1	454.7	525.3	36.9	6.6	75.1	748.6
2001											
January	454.7	528.2	36.4	6.4	75.3	454.7	526.1	38.3	6.8	75.3	749.6
February	459.0	529.7	41.2	7.2	76.1	454.2	526.8	40.0	7.1	75.5	750.6
March	447.5	523.1	44.4	7.8	75.5	453.4	527.0	41.7	7.3	75.7	751.5
April	452.1	528.3	42.4	7.4	75.8	452.5	526.9	43.0	7.5	75.7	752.5
May	451.0	524.0	41.1	7.3	75.0	451.9	526.8	43.8	7.7	75.7	753.5
June	454.4	528.8	45.8	8.0	76.2	451.9	526.7	44.0	7.7	75.6	754.4
July	453.9	529.4	43.6	7.6	75.8	452.4	527.2	43.5	7.6	75.5	755.5
August	452.9	526.9	43.6	7.6	75.4	453.4	528.0	42.6	7.5	75.4	756.6
September	450.4	525.6	41.5	7.3	74.8	454.5	529.2	41.4	7.3	75.3	757.7
October	453.6	529.7	40.0	7.0	75.1	455.9	530.6	40.0	7.0	75.2	758.9
November	464.8	536.2	37.3	6.5	75.5	457.3	532.2	38.7	6.8	75.1	760.0
December	457.0	534.4	37.1	6.5	75.1	458.5	533.6	37.3	6.5	75.1	761.1
FEMALES											
2000											
October	219.2	411.4	22.9	5.3	58.1	218.1	411.1	22.6	5.2	58.0	747.4
November	219.7	410.3	25.9	5.9	58.3	220.1	413.1	23.0	5.3	58.3	748.4
December	221.2	416.2	23.2	5.3	58.6	221.4	414.4	23.4	5.3	58.4	749.4
2001											
January	218.8	414.8	24.1	5.5	58.5	221.6	415.0	24.2	5.5	58.5	750.3
February	223.2	414.3	23.6	5.4	58.3	220.5	414.8	25.6	5.8	58.6	751.3
March	222.6	414.0	26.0	5.9	58.5	218.1	413.9	27.4	6.2	58.7	752.2
April	213.5	415.9	28.5	6.4	59.0	215.0	412.5	29.2	6.6	58.6	753.2
May	212.0	409.9	32.5	7.3	58.7	212.0	410.8	30.6	6.9	58.5	754.2
June	205.3	407.5	36.5	8.2	58.8	209.8	409.7	31.2	7.1	58.4	755.2
July	205.1	405.3	28.7	6.6	57.4	208.7	409.4	30.7	7.0	58.2	756.3
August	212.3	413.9	25.9	5.9	58.1	208.6	410.0	29.5	6.7	58.0	757.3
September	212.9	410.1	28.5	6.5	57.8	208.6	410.9	28.1	6.4	57.9	758.4
October	206.1	411.6	29.1	6.6	58.0	208.2	411.9	27.0	6.2	57.8	759.5
November	207.3	416.0	25.6	5.8	58.1	207.5	412.6	26.1	5.9	57.7	760.5
December	204.6	410.3	24.8	5.7	57.1	206.9	413.2	25.3	5.8	57.6	761.6
PERSONS											
2000											
October	670.5	933.0	58.4	5.9	66.4	672.0	935.1	58.1	5.8	66.5	1 494.1
November	673.0	933.3	61.4	6.2	66.5	674.4	937.5	59.0	5.9	66.6	1 496.1
December	680.0	942.4	59.2	5.9	66.9	676.1	939.6	60.3	6.0	66.8	1 498.0
2001											
January	673.6	943.1	60.5	6.0	66.9	676.4	941.1	62.5	6.2	66.9	1 499.9
February	682.2	943.9	64.8	6.4	67.2	674.8	941.5	65.6	6.5	67.1	1 501.9
March	670.2	937.1	70.4	7.0	67.0	671.5	940.9	69.1	6.8	67.2	1 503.8
April	665.6	944.2	70.9	7.0	67.4	667.6	939.4	72.1	7.1	67.2	1 505.7
May	663.0	933.9	73.6	7.3	66.8	664.0	937.6	74.4	7.3	67.1	1 507.7
June	659.7	936.3	82.3	8.1	67.5	661.7	936.4	75.1	7.4	67.0	1 509.6
July	658.9	934.7	72.4	7.2	66.6	661.2	936.6	74.2	7.3	66.9	1 511.8
August	665.2	940.8	69.5	6.9	66.7	661.9	938.0	72.1	7.1	66.7	1 514.0
September	663.4	935.6	70.0	7.0	66.3	663.1	940.1	69.6	6.9	66.6	1 516.2
October	659.7	941.3	69.1	6.8	66.5	664.0	942.5	67.1	6.6	66.5	1 518.3
November	672.1	952.2	62.9	6.2	66.8	664.8	944.9	64.8	6.4	66.4	1 520.5
December	661.6	944.7	61.8	6.1	66.1	665.4	946.7	62.6	6.2	66.3	1 522.7

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LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)—Tasmania(a)

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

Month	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemp- loyment rate %	Partic- ipation rate %	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemp- loyment rate %	Partic- ipation rate %	Civilian population aged 15 and over '000
MALES											
2000											
October	94.3	110.8	12.2	9.9	68.1	94.5	111.6	12.2	9.9	68.5	180.7
November	94.9	112.3	12.2	9.8	68.9	94.6	112.0	12.2	9.9	68.7	180.8
December	95.3	112.8	11.8	9.5	68.9	94.9	112.1	12.3	9.9	68.8	180.8
2001											
January	93.7	112.5	12.5	10.0	69.1	95.3	112.1	12.3	9.9	68.8	180.9
February	96.6	111.7	12.9	10.3	68.9	95.5	111.7	12.3	9.9	68.5	180.9
March	96.3	111.1	11.2	9.2	67.6	95.5	111.2	12.2	9.9	68.2	181.0
April	94.6	109.6	13.1	10.7	67.8	95.2	110.4	12.1	9.9	67.7	181.0
May	95.0	110.1	11.9	9.7	67.4	94.8	109.7	12.1	9.9	67.3	181.0
June	94.4	110.1	11.4	9.4	67.1	94.4	109.2	12.2	10.0	67.1	181.0
July	93.8	108.9	11.9	9.8	66.7	93.9	109.0	12.4	10.2	67.0	181.1
August	92.4	107.0	13.4	11.1	66.5	93.7	109.0	12.6	10.4	67.1	181.1
September	95.5	109.6	13.3	10.8	67.9	93.6	109.2	12.7	10.4	67.3	181.2
October	92.1	109.8	12.3	10.1	67.4	93.6	109.5	12.7	10.4	67.4	181.2
November	94.2	111.0	12.9	10.4	68.4	93.7	109.9	12.5	10.3	67.6	181.2
December	94.2	109.8	11.4	9.4	66.9	93.8	110.2	12.4	10.1	67.6	181.2
FEMALES											
2000											
October	43.3	90.4	6.8	7.0	51.0	43.8	89.9	7.2	7.5	50.9	190.7
November	44.7	90.3	7.3	7.5	51.1	43.8	90.1	7.2	7.4	50.9	190.8
December	43.7	91.2	6.6	6.8	51.2	43.8	90.2	7.0	7.2	50.9	190.9
2001											
January	43.2	89.2	7.8	8.0	50.7	43.7	90.2	6.8	7.0	50.8	191.0
February	44.1	90.5	6.0	6.3	50.5	43.5	90.0	6.7	6.9	50.6	191.1
March	43.1	89.1	6.7	7.0	50.1	43.1	89.6	6.6	6.8	50.3	191.2
April	43.4	89.8	7.0	7.2	50.6	42.7	89.2	6.6	6.9	50.1	191.2
May	42.3	89.4	6.0	6.3	49.8	42.5	88.9	6.8	7.1	50.0	191.3
June	41.8	88.3	6.7	7.0	49.6	42.8	88.8	7.1	7.4	50.1	191.4
July	42.4	87.9	8.2	8.6	50.2	43.3	88.9	7.3	7.6	50.2	191.5
August	43.8	88.7	7.7	8.0	50.3	44.1	89.2	7.4	7.6	50.4	191.6
September	47.4	90.5	7.8	8.0	51.3	44.7	89.6	7.3	7.5	50.5	191.7
October	45.1	90.4	6.3	6.5	50.4	45.2	89.9	7.1	7.3	50.6	191.7
November	44.9	90.7	6.6	6.7	50.7	45.5	90.1	6.9	7.1	50.6	191.8
December	44.6	88.9	6.9	7.2	49.9	45.6	90.2	6.7	6.9	50.5	191.8
PERSONS											
2000											
October	137.6	201.2	19.0	8.6	59.3	138.3	201.5	19.4	8.8	59.5	371.4
November	139.6	202.5	19.6	8.8	59.8	138.4	202.1	19.4	8.8	59.6	371.6
December	138.9	204.0	18.5	8.3	59.8	138.7	202.3	19.3	8.7	59.6	371.8
2001											
January	136.9	201.6	20.2	9.1	59.7	139.0	202.3	19.1	8.6	59.5	371.9
February	140.7	202.2	18.9	8.6	59.4	139.0	201.7	18.9	8.6	59.3	372.0
March	139.4	200.2	17.9	8.2	58.6	138.6	200.8	18.8	8.5	59.0	372.1
April	138.0	199.3	20.1	9.2	59.0	137.9	199.7	18.7	8.6	58.7	372.2
May	137.3	199.4	17.8	8.2	58.4	137.4	198.6	18.9	8.7	58.4	372.3
June	136.1	198.4	18.1	8.4	58.1	137.1	198.0	19.3	8.9	58.3	372.4
July	136.2	196.9	20.1	9.3	58.3	137.2	197.9	19.7	9.1	58.4	372.5
August	136.2	195.7	21.0	9.7	58.2	137.7	198.2	20.0	9.2	58.5	372.7
September	142.9	200.1	21.2	9.6	59.3	138.4	198.8	20.0	9.1	58.7	372.8
October	137.2	200.2	18.6	8.5	58.7	138.8	199.4	19.8	9.0	58.8	372.9
November	139.1	201.6	19.5	8.8	59.3	139.1	199.9	19.5	8.9	58.8	373.0
December	138.8	198.7	18.3	8.4	58.2	139.4	200.4	19.1	8.7	58.8	373.0

(a) Trend estimates for June 2001 to November 2001 have been revised.

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)—Northern Territory(a)

TREND.....

Month	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemp- loyment rate %	Partic- ipation rate %	Civilian population aged 15 and over '000
MALES						
2000						
October	43.9	51.5	3.4	6.2	74.5	73.7
November	43.9	51.7	3.6	6.6	75.1	73.8
December	43.9	51.9	3.8	6.7	75.5	73.8
2001						
January	43.9	52.0	3.8	6.8	75.6	73.8
February	44.1	52.0	3.8	6.8	75.6	73.9
March	44.3	52.2	3.9	7.0	76.0	73.9
April	44.6	52.6	4.1	7.2	76.7	73.9
May	44.9	53.2	4.3	7.4	77.8	73.9
June	45.1	53.9	4.4	7.5	78.8	73.8
July	45.1	54.4	4.4	7.5	79.6	73.9
August	44.9	54.7	4.4	7.5	79.9	74.0
September	44.6	54.7	4.4	7.5	79.8	74.1
October	44.3	54.4	4.5	7.7	79.6	74.1
November	44.0	54.2	4.7	8.0	79.5	74.1
December	43.7	53.8	4.8	8.2	79.1	74.2
FEMALES						
2000						
October	28.0	40.8	1.7	4.0	63.2	67.3
November	28.3	41.0	1.7	4.0	63.3	67.4
December	28.6	41.0	1.7	4.0	63.3	67.5
2001						
January	28.9	41.1	1.7	3.9	63.3	67.6
February	29.3	41.5	1.7	4.0	63.8	67.7
March	29.7	42.1	1.9	4.3	64.8	67.9
April	30.0	42.8	2.1	4.8	66.1	68.0
May	30.1	43.4	2.5	5.5	67.4	68.0
June	29.9	43.5	3.0	6.4	68.3	68.1
July	29.4	43.4	3.4	7.2	68.5	68.2
August	28.8	43.0	3.7	7.9	68.3	68.3
September	28.3	42.6	3.9	8.3	68.0	68.4
October	27.9	42.4	3.9	8.5	67.7	68.5
November	27.6	42.3	4.0	8.6	67.6	68.5
December	27.4	42.2	3.9	8.6	67.3	68.6
PERSONS						
2000						
October	71.9	92.3	5.1	5.3	69.1	140.9
November	72.2	92.7	5.4	5.5	69.5	141.1
December	72.5	92.9	5.5	5.6	69.6	141.3
2001						
January	72.9	93.2	5.5	5.6	69.7	141.5
February	73.4	93.5	5.5	5.6	70.0	141.6
March	74.0	94.3	5.8	5.8	70.6	141.8
April	74.6	95.4	6.2	6.1	71.6	141.8
May	75.0	96.5	6.8	6.6	72.8	141.9
June	74.9	97.4	7.3	7.0	73.8	142.0
July	74.5	97.8	7.8	7.4	74.3	142.1
August	73.7	97.7	8.1	7.7	74.4	142.3
September	72.9	97.3	8.3	7.9	74.2	142.4
October	72.2	96.9	8.5	8.1	73.9	142.5
November	71.6	96.5	8.7	8.2	73.7	142.6
December	71.1	96.0	8.8	8.4	73.4	142.7

(a) Trend estimates for June 2001 to November 2001 have been revised. Estimates for the most recent three months may be subject to significant revisions as data for later months become available.

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)—Australian Capital Territory(a)

TREND.....

Month	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemp- loyment rate %	Partic- ipation rate %	Civilian population aged 15 and over '000
MALES						
2000						
October	75.8	89.5	4.6	4.9	79.1	119.0
November	75.6	89.2	4.7	5.0	78.9	118.9
December	75.4	88.8	4.7	5.1	78.6	118.9
2001						
January	75.3	88.4	4.8	5.1	78.4	118.9
February	75.2	88.1	5.0	5.3	78.2	119.0
March	74.9	87.8	5.3	5.7	78.2	119.0
April	74.4	87.5	5.7	6.2	78.3	119.1
May	73.8	87.2	6.1	6.6	78.3	119.2
June	73.3	87.0	6.3	6.8	78.2	119.3
July	72.9	87.0	6.2	6.6	78.0	119.5
August	72.8	87.1	5.8	6.3	77.7	119.6
September	72.9	87.5	5.3	5.7	77.5	119.7
October	73.0	87.8	4.9	5.3	77.3	119.9
November	73.2	88.2	4.5	4.9	77.3	120.1
December	73.3	88.5	4.3	4.6	77.3	120.2
FEMALES						
2000						
October	51.3	81.6	3.0	3.5	68.0	124.3
November	51.0	81.4	3.0	3.6	67.9	124.3
December	50.7	81.0	3.1	3.7	67.6	124.3
2001						
January	50.4	80.6	3.2	3.9	67.4	124.4
February	50.1	80.3	3.4	4.1	67.3	124.4
March	49.8	80.1	3.6	4.3	67.2	124.5
April	49.4	79.8	3.7	4.4	67.0	124.6
May	49.2	79.6	3.7	4.5	66.8	124.7
June	49.2	79.4	3.6	4.4	66.5	124.9
July	49.4	79.3	3.5	4.2	66.2	125.0
August	49.8	79.2	3.3	4.0	65.9	125.1
September	50.4	79.2	3.1	3.8	65.7	125.3
October	51.0	79.4	3.0	3.6	65.7	125.4
November	51.6	79.6	2.8	3.4	65.7	125.5
December	52.1	79.8	2.7	3.3	65.7	125.6
PERSONS						
2000						
October	127.1	171.0	7.6	4.3	73.4	243.3
November	126.6	170.6	7.7	4.3	73.3	243.3
December	126.1	169.8	7.9	4.4	73.0	243.2
2001						
January	125.7	169.1	8.0	4.5	72.8	243.3
February	125.2	168.4	8.4	4.7	72.6	243.4
March	124.7	167.8	8.9	5.0	72.6	243.5
April	123.9	167.3	9.5	5.3	72.5	243.7
May	123.0	166.9	9.9	5.6	72.4	243.9
June	122.4	166.5	10.0	5.6	72.3	244.2
July	122.3	166.3	9.7	5.5	72.0	244.5
August	122.6	166.3	9.1	5.2	71.7	244.7
September	123.3	166.7	8.4	4.8	71.5	245.0
October	124.1	167.2	7.9	4.5	71.4	245.3
November	124.7	167.8	7.4	4.2	71.3	245.6
December	125.4	168.4	7.0	4.0	71.4	245.9

(a) Trend estimates for June 2001 to November 2001 have been revised. Estimates for the most recent three months may be subject to significant revisions as data for later months become available.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains preliminary estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the Labour Force Survey component of the monthly population survey. Estimates for the current month are preliminary and subject to revision. Revised estimates for the current month and more detailed estimates will be published in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

CONCEPTS, SOURCES AND METHODS

2 The conceptual framework used in Australia's Labour Force Survey aligns closely with the standards and guidelines set out in Resolutions of the International Conference of Labour Statisticians. Descriptions of the underlying concepts and structure of Australia's labour force statistics, and the sources and methods used in compiling the estimates, are presented in *Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Cat. no. 6102.0) which is also available on the ABS website www.abs.gov.au (Statistics—Statistical Concepts Library).

MONTHLY POPULATION SURVEY

- 3** The population survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (currently about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and a list sample of non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about 0.5% of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by specially trained interviewers. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the reference week).
- 4** The interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. Each year, to deal with operational difficulties involved with collecting and processing the Labour Force Survey around the Christmas and New Year holiday period, interviews for December start four weeks after November interviews start, and January interviews start five weeks after December interviews start. Occasionally, circumstances that present significant operational difficulties for survey collection can result in a change to the normal pattern for the start of interviewing.
- 5** Estimates from the Labour Force Survey are published first in this publication 31 days after the commencement of interviews for that month, with the exception of estimates for each December which are published 38 days after the commencement of interviews.

TELEPHONE INTERVIEWING

- 6** The ABS has introduced the use of telephone interviewing into the Labour Force Survey. Households selected for the Labour Force Survey are interviewed each month for 8 months, with one eighth of the sample being replaced each month. The first interview is conducted face-to-face. Subsequent interviews are conducted by telephone (if acceptable to the respondent). Telephone interviewing was phased in for each new sample group from August 1996 to February 1997.
- 7** During the period of implementation, the new method produced different estimates than would have been obtained under the old methodology. The effect peaked in November 1996, when it is estimated that the published estimate of total employment was about 36,000 to 48,000 lower than would have been measured under the old methodology. The effect dissipated over the final months of implementation and was no longer discernible from February 1997. Therefore, the estimates for February 1997 and onwards are directly comparable to estimates for periods prior to August 1996.

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SCOPE OF SURVEY

8 The Labour Force Survey includes all persons aged 15 and over except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments customarily excluded from census and estimated population counts, overseas residents in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

COVERAGE

9 In the Labour Force Survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. The coverage rules are necessarily a balance between theoretical and operational considerations. Nevertheless, the chance of a person being enumerated at two separate dwellings in the survey is considered to be negligible.

POPULATION BENCHMARKS

10 Labour Force Survey estimates are calculated in such a way as to add up to independent estimates of the civilian population aged 15 and over (population benchmarks). From February 1999, labour force estimates have been compiled using benchmarks based on the results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. Small revisions were made to many of the historical estimates from January 1995 to January 1999.

REVISION OF SERIES

11 From April 1986, the definition of employed persons was changed to include persons who worked without pay between 1 and 14 hours per week in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers). For further information, see paragraphs 36 and 37 of the Explanatory Notes to the February 1987 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

12 From April 2001 the Labour Force Survey has been conducted using a redesigned questionnaire containing additional data items and some minor definitional changes. Core labour force series were revised for the period April 1986 to March 2001 to ensure continuity. For further details, see *Information Paper: Implementing the Redesigned Labour Force Survey Questionnaire* (Cat. no. 6295.0) and *Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey* (Cat. no. 6232.0).

SURVEY SAMPLE REDESIGN

13 The Labour Force Survey sample was last reselected using information collected in the 1996 Census of Population and Housing.

14 The bulk of the new sample was phased in over the period September 1997 to April 1998, with one eighth of this portion of the sample being introduced every month. The remainder of the sample (about 15% of the total), which covers less settled areas of Australia and non-private dwellings was rotated in full for New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory in September 1997, and for Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia in October 1997. Such a pattern of implementation means that any changes to labour force estimates due to differences between the two samples, or any other influences, were spread over the eight months.

15 For further details, see *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Sample Design* (Cat. no. 6269.0).

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

16 Two types of error are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey: sampling error and non-sampling error.

Sampling error occurs because a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed. One measure of the likely difference resulting from not including all dwellings in the survey is given by the standard error. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Standard errors of estimates for the latest month and of estimates of movements since the previous month are shown on pages 31 and 32. Standard errors of other estimates and other movements may be determined by using information in the Technical Notes in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

Non sampling error arises from inaccuracies in collecting, recording and processing the data. Every effort is made to minimise reporting error by the careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and efficient data processing procedures.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION

17 Seasonally adjusted series are published in Tables 2, 5 and 12 to 17. Seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. Information about the last annual review of seasonal factors was published in a feature article in the February 2001 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat no. 6203.0). An additional review was conducted following the revision of series associated with the introduction of the redesigned questionnaire in April 2001 (see paragraph 12). The results of this additional review were used to compile the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates in this publication.

18 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. This means that month-to-month movements of the seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. For example, irregular factors unrelated to the trend account for more than half the seasonally adjusted movement with the following frequency:

- Employment: 6 in 10 monthly movements
- Unemployment: 8 in 10 monthly movements
- Unemployment rate: 7 in 10 monthly movements
- Participation rate: 9 in 10 monthly movements.

19 The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted series, and creates trend estimates. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months except the last six. The last six monthly trend estimates are obtained by applying surrogates of the Henderson average to the seasonally adjusted series. Trend series are used to analyse the underlying behaviour of the series over time. These are published in tables 3, 6 and 12 to 19.

20 While this smoothing technique enables estimates to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the most recent months as additional observations become available. Generally, subsequent revisions become smaller, and after three months have a negligible impact on the series. There will also be revisions as a result of the annual review of seasonal factors.

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SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION *continued*

21 Trend estimates are published for the Northern Territory in table 18 and for the Australian Capital Territory in table 19. Unadjusted series for the two Territories have shown, historically, a high degree of variability, which can lead to considerable revisions to the seasonally adjusted estimates after each annual seasonal factor re-analysis. Seasonally adjusted estimates are not currently published for the two Territories. The most recent six months trend estimates are subject to revision. For the three most recent months, the revision may be relatively large. Inferences about trends drawn from smoothed seasonally adjusted (trend) estimates for months earlier than the latest three months are unlikely to be affected by month to month revisions. They may be affected by revision resulting from the annual re-analysis of seasonal factors.

22 For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview* (Cat. no. 1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (02) 6252 6345.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

23 Users may also wish to refer to *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0). This publication contains a detailed list of related publications which are available from ABS Bookshops.

24 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (Cat. no. 1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (Cat. no. 1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.

DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

25 As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant data available. Inquiries should be made to Mark Webb on 02 6252 6525 or to any ABS office.

EFFECTS OF ROUNDING

26 Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

27 Estimates of movement shown in this publication are obtained by taking the difference of unrounded estimates. The movement estimate is then rounded to one decimal place. Therefore where a discrepancy occurs between the reported movement and the difference of the rounded estimates, the reported movement will be more accurate.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See the Technical Notes in Cat. no. 6203.0 for more details.

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Actively looking for work	Includes writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering an advertisement for a job; checking factory noticeboards or the touchscreens at the Centrelink offices; being registered with Centrelink as a jobseeker; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives.
Attending school	Persons aged 15 to 19 years enrolled at secondary or high school in the reference week.
Attending tertiary educational institution full time	Persons aged 15 to 24 years enrolled full time at a TAFE college, university, or other educational institution in the reference week, except those persons aged 15 to 19 years who were still attending school.
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	All usual residents of Australia aged 15 years and over except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments customarily excluded from census and estimated population counts, overseas residents in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.
Employed	<p>All persons aged 15 years and over who, during the reference week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers); or ■ worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers); or ■ were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ away from work for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week; or ■ away from work for more than four weeks up to the end of the reference week and received pay for some or all of the four week period to the end of the reference week; or ■ away from work as a standard work or shift arrangement; or ■ on strike or locked out; or ■ on workers' compensation and expected to return to their job; or ■ were employers or own account workers, who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.
Full-time workers	Employed persons who usually worked 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and those who, although usually working less than 35 hours a week, worked 35 hours or more during the reference week.
Labour force	For any group, persons who were employed or unemployed, as defined.
Labour force status	A classification of the civilian population aged 15 years and over into employed, unemployed or not in the labour force, as defined. The definitions conform closely to the international standard definitions adopted by the International Conferences of Labour Statisticians.
Not in the labour force	Persons who were not in the categories employed or unemployed as defined.
Participation rate	For any group, the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.
Part-time workers	Employed persons who usually worked less than 35 hours a week (in all jobs) and either did so during the reference week, or were not at work in the reference week.

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Seasonally adjusted series	A time series of estimates with the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation removed. See Explanatory Notes 17 and 18 for more detail.
Trend series	A smoothed seasonally adjusted series of estimates. See Explanatory Notes 19 to 21 for more detail.
Unemployed	Persons aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the reference week, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ were available for work in the reference week; or ■ were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and could have started in the reference week if the job had been available then.
Unemployed looking for full-time work	Unemployed persons who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ actively looked for full-time work and were available for work in the reference week; or ■ actively looked for work and were not available for work in the reference week because they were waiting to start a new full-time job.
Unemployed looking for part-time work	Unemployed persons who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ actively looked for part-time work only and were available for work in the reference week; or ■ actively looked for work and were not available for work in the reference week because they were waiting to start a new part-time job.
Unemployment rate	For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.
Unemployment to population ratio	For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the civilian population in the same group.

STANDARD ERRORS

The estimates in this publication are based on information gained from the occupants of a sample survey of dwellings. Because the entire population is not surveyed, the published estimates are subject to sampling error. The most common way of quantifying such sampling error is to calculate the standard error for the published estimate or statistic.

LEVEL ESTIMATES

To illustrate, let us say the published level estimate for employed persons aged 15 to 19 is 500,000. The calculated standard error in this case is 8,700. The standard error is then used to interpret the level estimate of 500,000. For instance, the standard error of 8,700 indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real value falls within the range 491,300 to 508,700 (500,000 + or – 8,700)
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real value falls within the range 482,600 to 517,400 (500,000 + or – 17,400).

The real value in this case is the result we would obtain if we could enumerate the total population.

The following tables show the standard errors for this month's level estimates.

	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....			Labour force	Not in labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total				
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	pts	pts
NSW	18.6	10.4	22.4	5.2	3.7	5.8	23.3	16.8	0.2	0.4
Vic.	14.2	8.4	16.9	4.2	3.0	4.7	17.5	12.6	0.2	0.4
Qld	10.9	7.6	12.4	4.3	2.6	4.7	12.8	9.9	0.3	0.4
SA	5.0	3.6	5.8	1.9	1.2	2.1	6.0	5.0	0.3	0.5
WA	5.4	4.1	6.1	2.2	1.3	2.4	6.2	4.9	0.2	0.4
Tas.	1.8	1.4	2.1	0.8	0.4	0.9	2.2	1.9	0.4	0.6
NT	1.3	0.9	1.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	1.4	1.0	0.5	1.0
ACT	1.8	1.2	2.1	0.5	0.3	0.5	2.1	1.4	0.3	0.9
Males	21.6	10.0	23.7	7.3	4.0	7.8	24.8	15.2	0.1	0.3
Females	15.8	14.5	20.5	6.0	4.7	7.0	21.3	18.9	0.2	0.3
Persons	28.6	16.6	37.7	8.7	5.7	9.7	40.2	24.6	0.1	0.3

	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....				
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	pts	pts	pts	pts	pts
NSW	2.7	5.0	5.2	3.7	5.8	2.8	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
Vic.	2.2	3.9	4.2	3.0	4.7	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
Qld	2.1	3.9	4.3	2.6	4.7	2.8	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3
SA	0.9	1.7	1.9	1.2	2.1	3.6	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3
WA	1.1	2.0	2.2	1.3	2.4	2.6	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2
Tas.	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.9	3.7	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.4
NT	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	6.6	0.6	0.6	1.3	0.5
ACT	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	5.8	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.3
Males	3.6	6.8	7.3	4.0	7.8	1.7	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.1
Females	3.1	5.5	6.0	4.7	7.0	2.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Persons	4.5	8.1	8.7	5.7	9.7	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1

STANDARD ERRORS *continued*

MOVEMENT ESTIMATES

The following example illustrates how to use the standard error to interpret a movement estimate. Let us say that one month the published level estimate for females employed part time in Australia is 1,390,000; the next month the published level estimate is 1,400,000. The calculated standard error for the movement estimate is 13,000. The standard error is then used to interpret the published movement estimate of 10,000. For instance, the standard error of 13,000 indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real movement over the two month period falls within the range -3,000 to 23,000 (10,000 + or - 13,000)
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real movement falls within the range -16,000 to 36,000 (10,000 + or - 26,000).

The following tables show the standard errors for this month's movement estimates.

	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....			Labour force	Not in labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total				
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	pts	pts
NSW	9.9	7.0	11.0	4.0	2.7	4.4	11.2	9.5	0.1	0.2
Vic.	7.6	5.4	8.5	3.1	2.2	3.4	8.7	7.2	0.1	0.2
Qld	6.8	4.9	7.6	3.0	2.0	3.3	7.8	6.3	0.2	0.3
SA	3.1	2.3	3.6	1.3	0.9	1.4	3.6	3.1	0.2	0.3
WA	3.9	2.9	4.4	1.6	1.1	1.8	4.5	3.5	0.2	0.3
Tas.	1.2	0.9	1.4	0.6	0.3	0.6	1.5	1.3	0.3	0.4
NT	1.1	0.7	1.2	0.4	0.3	0.5	1.2	0.8	0.4	0.9
ACT	1.0	0.7	1.1	0.4	0.3	0.4	1.2	0.9	0.2	0.5
Males	14.1	7.4	14.9	5.5	3.1	5.8	15.3	10.9	0.1	0.2
Females	11.1	10.3	13.7	4.5	3.6	5.3	14.0	13.0	0.1	0.2
Persons	16.3	11.6	18.3	6.5	4.3	7.1	18.7	15.3	0.1	0.1

	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....				
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	pts	pts	pts	pts	pts
NSW	2.1	3.8	4.0	2.7	4.4	2.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1
Vic.	1.7	2.9	3.1	2.2	3.4	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1
Qld	1.7	2.8	3.0	2.0	3.3	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
SA	0.7	1.2	1.3	0.9	1.4	2.8	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2
WA	0.9	1.5	1.6	1.1	1.8	2.6	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
Tas.	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.6	3.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3
NT	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	6.0	0.5	0.5	1.1	0.4
ACT	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	4.6	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2
Males	2.8	5.2	5.5	3.1	5.8	1.4	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1
Females	2.5	4.2	4.5	3.6	5.3	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Persons	3.4	6.1	6.5	4.3	7.1	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1

WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

TREND REVISIONS

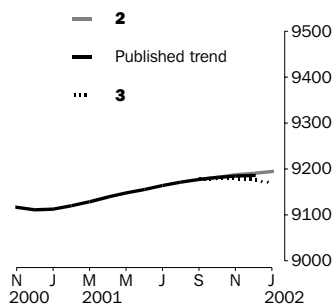
Each time new seasonally adjusted estimates become available, trend estimates are revised (see paragraphs 19 and 20 of Explanatory Notes).

The examples in the tables below show four illustrative scenarios and the consequent revisions to previous trend estimates of employment and unemployment rate.

- 1** The January seasonally adjusted estimate is the same as the December estimate.
- 2** The January seasonally adjusted estimate is higher than the December estimate by:
 - +0.29% for employment
 - +1.80% for the unemployment rate
- 3** The January seasonally adjusted estimate is lower than the December estimate by:
 - -0.29% for employment
 - -1.80% for the unemployment rate
- 4** The January seasonally adjusted estimate results in a revised December trend estimate which is identical to the new January trend estimate.

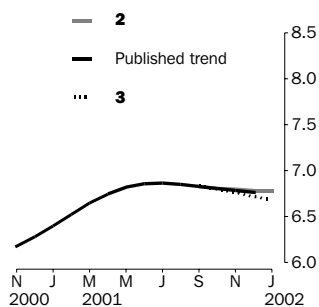
The percentage changes of 0.29% and 1.80% were chosen because they represent the average absolute monthly percentage changes in employment and the unemployment rate respectively.

EMPLOYMENT ('000)



		WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS:			
		1	2	3	4
		9 178.2 <i>i.e. the same as Dec 2001</i>	9 204.8 <i>i.e. rises by 0.29%</i>	9 151.6 <i>i.e. falls by 0.29%</i>	9 181.8 <i>i.e. same trend for Dec & Jan</i>
	TREND AS PUBLISHED				
2001					
October	9 181.4	9 180.9	9 182.1	9 179.7	9 181.1
November	9 184.4	9 182.6	9 186.5	9 178.6	9 183.1
December	9 186.2	9 183.0	9 190.4	9 175.5	9 184.0
January (new)	—	9 182.5	9 193.7	9 171.2	9 184.0

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)



		WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS:			
		1	2	3	4
		6.7 <i>i.e. the same as Dec 2001</i>	6.8 <i>i.e. rises by 1.80%</i>	6.6 <i>i.e. falls by 1.80%</i>	6.9 <i>i.e. same trend for Dec & Jan</i>
	TREND AS PUBLISHED				
2001					
October	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8
November	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8
December	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.8
January (new)	—	6.7	6.8	6.7	6.8

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